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## Albany to spend \$4.5 million on City Hall

funds also will go  
expanding the  
and fire stations

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The city will  
\$4.5 million in tax money  
to upgrade City Hall  
the police and fire sta-  
which will also be ex-

The City Council made the decision at its July 26 meeting, after more than a year of city commission and council meetings to figure out how to divvy up \$13.5 million worth of Measure F bond money that was approved by voters in November 2002.

The council also agreed to spend \$3.7 million on city park and recreation projects (which includes \$300,000 already spent on upgrading Memorial Park), \$2

million on traffic safety improvements and \$2 million on street pavement upgrades, which includes \$595,000 already spent in 2003. Two million dollars will go into a contingency fund.

Though not everyone agreed with the council's action, city commissioners said they were generally satisfied with the allocations. The parks and recreation commission, as well as the traffic and safety commission, spent

more than a year working out how much should be spent on their projects.

"I think it's a much better proposal than what I saw last week," said resident Robert Lieber.

That consensus prompted a unanimous vote from the council and surprise from Mayor Jon Ely.

"It's a little unnerving to have

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## PECE OF THE PEDESTRIAN PUZZLE



MENT OWNER Pete Dito surveys the site where he plans to open a cafe at Fairmount Avenue and Kearney Street in El Cerrito.

## City sees planned cafe as perfect fit

No cafe would  
part of a  
Avenue  
ent site

By Alan Lopez  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Prospero  
Dito held the plans for a  
cafe, or translated from  
Italian — Il Mio Cafe.

Walking on the sidewalk of busy and noisy Fairmount, his eyes lit up as he talked about his vision: People getting sandwiches and coffee and then walking to the outdoor courtyard to use the Internet. Regulars who live in the building stopping by after walking from the nearby El Cerrito Plaza BART station to grab a bite to eat or a cup of quality Joe.

They would refer to the business as "my" cafe, or translated from Italian — Il Mio Cafe.

"It's going to be awesome," he

said.

Dito isn't the only one excited. The business fits perfectly with the city's effort to create a more pedestrian-oriented feel to the avenue.

"I think any city wants to emphasize and encourage unique and very well-designed businesses," said community development director Jill Keimach. "I think we're fortunate this occurs on a street that matches where we're trying to go anyway."

The city is working to take ad-

vantage of El Cerrito Plaza and the El Cerrito Plaza BART station and transform several blocks of Fairmount Avenue, from Richmond Street to San Pablo Avenue into a vibrant place where residents would want to walk and linger.

It hasn't been easy, said Design Review Board vice chair Geoffrey Nelson. Several El Cerrito Plaza businesses face Fairmount, but only Cold Stone Creamery

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## Park district tax to voters

Regional district's third  
since 1998 carves out a  
zone where support  
ballots ran high  
Tricia Caspers and  
Mike Taugher

STAFF WRITERS  
East Bay Regional Park  
Board of directors will  
approval to raise \$3  
year for 15 years via a  
tax. The proposed \$12-a-  
head is designed to pay for  
systems and maintenance  
systems, trails, build-  
and public safety at many  
park sites including  
Tremesac and Redwood  
according to the district.  
The district decided on July  
measure on the No-  
these efforts, said Brenda  
of the park's public af-

than two-thirds of voters, the tax will be imposed on homeowners in El Cerrito, Albany, Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley, Richmond, and other cities in western Contra Costa and Alameda counties, according to Montano.

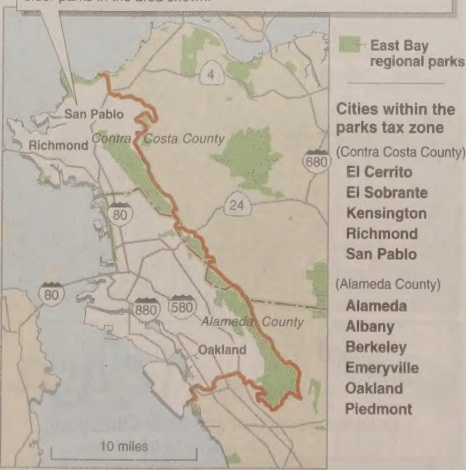
Although park district officials say their polling shows broad support for the tax among residents in western portions of the two-county district, the plan has raised concerns that those who live in one slice of the district would be unfairly burdened.

"We thought we'd give them the opportunity to see if they want to do it on their own," said Ted Radke, a park district board member and chairman of the committee that developed the tax plan. "These people have shown a number of times they support more (funding for) maintenance and operations."

Radke said the park district would adopt a policy to ensure money raised by the tax is spent in

### Parks parcel tax zone

The East Bay Regional Park District has put a tax on the November ballot that would affect property owners in western Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The \$12 annual tax would pay for maintenance in older parks in the area shown.



Source: East Bay Regional Parks District

### East Bay regional parks

#### Cities within the parks tax zone

(Contra Costa County)  
El Cerrito  
El Sobrante  
Kensington  
Richmond  
San Pablo  
(Alameda County)  
Alameda  
Albany  
Berkeley  
Emeryville  
Oakland  
Piedmont

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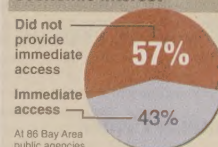
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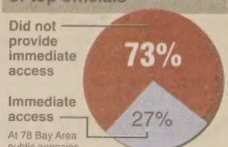
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## Access to public records

### Statements of economic interest



### Employment contracts of top officials



TIMES

## Open records, closed doors

■ Investigation finds agencies routinely impede public's right to know

By Thomas Peele,  
Denis Cuff,  
Liz Tascio and  
Ashley Surdin  
STAFF WRITERS

Ask for routine public records at most Bay Area public agencies and you'll likely be met with suspicion, defensiveness, intimidation, needless delays, incompetence and ignorance.

During a four-month investigation of public records access at 86 city and county governments, school boards and special districts, and 36 police departments, Hills and Times reporters encountered numerous impediments to seeing routine public records such as employment contracts and elected officials' economic disclosure forms.

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■ A comparison of how various area agencies fared on compliance. Page A5

Without access to records, especially at the local level, public record advocates say, there can be no defense against abuses of power such as overspending, favoritism and graft.

During a six-week period beginning in April, 20 reporters and editors went to agencies, identifying themselves only by name in order to gauge the response to an average person asking for records. State laws governing records access do not distinguish between journalists and the general public.

When asked for immediate access to the records as state law requires, government workers sometimes demanded the reporters' identities and their reasons for wanting to see public documents. One official who denied access said she did so partly because she is "told to always watch over my shoulder for terrorists." Another government employee researched the identity of a requester on the Internet, bragging about it in an e-mail. At another agency a clerk e-mailed a reporter at work, apparently after learning of his employment through an Internet search.

"It's appalling and baffling," said Terry Francke, a top public records expert and general counsel of Californians Aware, an open government group.

"It's shocking," said Bob Stern, president of the Center for Government Studies in Los Angeles. "A lot of these agencies appear to be clueless."

"It's a huge problem," said Tom Newton, general counsel of the California Newspaper Publishers Association. "Public access to information is the only way average citizens can maintain any level of control over their institutions."

Reporters were able to see the

## Law enforcement

This chart shows how well law enforcement agencies complied with a state law that requires them to keep a copy of their daily logs available for public inspection.

DEPARTMENT	PUBLIC LOG?
Alameda Police	No
Alameda County Sheriff	No
Albany Police	Yes
Antioch Police	No
BART Police	No
Benicia Police	Yes
Berkeley Police	Yes
Brentwood Police	No
Contra Costa Sheriff	No
Clayton Police	No
Concord Police	Yes
Danville Police	Yes
Dublin Police	No
EB Regional Park Police	Yes
El Cerrito Police	No
Emeryville Police	Yes
Hercules Police	No
Lafayette Police	No
Livermore Police	Yes
Los Medanos College	Yes
Martinez Police	Yes
Moraga Police	Yes
Oakland Police	No
Oakley Police	No
Orinda Police	No
Piedmont Police	Yes
Pineole Police	Yes
Pittsburg Police	Yes
Pleasant Hill Police	Yes
Pleasanton Police	Yes
Richmond Police	No
San Pablo Police	Yes
San Ramon Police	No
Solano County Sheriff	No
Vallejo Police	No
Walnut Creek Police	Yes

COMPLIANCE 50%

statements of economic interest at only 37 of 86 agencies on the day they asked to see them. The state-mandated documents list officials' businesses and investments to alert the public to conflicts of interest.

California's 1974 Fair Political Practices Act requires that the forms be available for public review during business hours at all government agencies, no questions asked.

When reporters asked to see the employment contract of an agency's top executive official, such as a city manager or a school superintendent, 21 of 78 agencies granted immediate access to the document. (Eight agencies, such as school districts under state control and special districts with a vacant top position, did not have a contract applicable to the investigation).

Some provided outdated contracts that failed to include significant increases in salaries approved as amendments to the original document.

The California Public Records Act allows agencies up to 10 days

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INFORMATION FOR LIFE



## NEWS BRIEFS

## Council candidate fields may be crowded

A number of residents are showing interest as candidates in the November elections for the El Cerrito and Albany city councils, and the Albany School Board.

In El Cerrito, eight residents have sought information on running for one of the three open Council seats. Those residents are Revel Daystar, Heather Brooke Taylor, Peter Loubal, Jan Bridges, Bill Jones, George McRae, Glenn Davis and incumbent Letitia Moore.

The number of interested residents is unusual, said City Clerk Linda Giddings.

"It's the most I recall in my 21 years here," Giddings said. She said the two seats that don't have an incumbent running likely added to the interest. Giddings doesn't expect anyone to begin filing election papers next week.

In Albany, residents who have shown interest in one of three Council seats are Nick Pilch, Brian Parker, Farid Javandel, Robert Lieber, Richard Cross, Allan Riffer and incumbent Jewel Okawachi. In addition, David Glasser, Eileen Crumm and incumbent Charles Blanchard are eyeing two open seats on the Albany School Board.

Filing deadline for Albany is Aug. 6, unless an incumbent chooses not to run, in which case the deadline is Aug. 11. In El Cerrito, the deadline to file is Aug. 11 for everyone except incumbent Moore, who must file by Aug. 6.

For more information about city elections, call 510-215-4305 in El Cerrito and 510-528-5720 in Albany.

## Albany

## New art exhibit at Community Center

A reception for the art exhibit "Here we are: Paintings of Albany" will be held 4 to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Albany Library/Community Center foyer at 1249 Marin Ave. The paintings depict scenes in Albany and were done by Kanna Aoki.

The exhibit will be on display from Aug. 1 until Oct. 7. It's presented by the Albany Arts Committee. For more details, call 510-524-9283.

## Memorial Park tree to honor Sanchez

The Albany City Council approved a request to plant a tree at Memorial Park to commemorate John Sanchez, an Albany High School graduate who died in May at age 22 after fighting Leukemia for three years.

Boy Scout Troop 14 and scout alumni have proposed to plant a tree on the southeast side of the park along Carmel Street. They will likely plant the tree in August.

The council approved the request following a recommendation to do so by the city's parks and recreation commission.

## El Cerrito

## National Night Out is Aug. 3

EL CERRITO — Block parties and community gatherings will be held Tuesday, Aug. 3, in the city's annual National Night Out crime prevention campaign.

Sponsored by the El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee and the El Cerrito Police Department, National Night Out highlights the importance of citizen participation in crime prevention and public safety. Every year, El Cerrito neighborhoods host social events and renew their commitment to making the city a safe place to live.

Residents participating in National Night Out will be joined by City Council members, police and fire Department personnel, and other city officials.

National Night Out started in 1984 as a program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. El Cerrito joins more than 34 million people in 10,000 communities from all 50 states who participate each year. For more information, call 510-215-4144 ext. 30 or e-mail [crimeprevention@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:crimeprevention@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us).

## East Bay

## Commute information by phone

Interstate 580 between Albany and San Rafael has been added to the 511 "driving times" service, allowing motorists to quickly determine how long it will take to travel between cities. By drawing on Caltrans traffic reports and FasTrak responder information, the 511 service offers real-time updates on Bay Area traffic conditions.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission on Tuesday added five new freeway corridors to the 511 driving times service.

Besides I-580, the additions include Interstate 280 between San Francisco and Daly City, Highway 101 between San Francisco and Belmont, Highway 92 between Hayward and San Mateo and Highway 101 from the Golden Gate Bridge to San Rafael.

The free 511 service now covers eight freeway corridors and five toll plazas throughout the Bay Area, according to the commission.

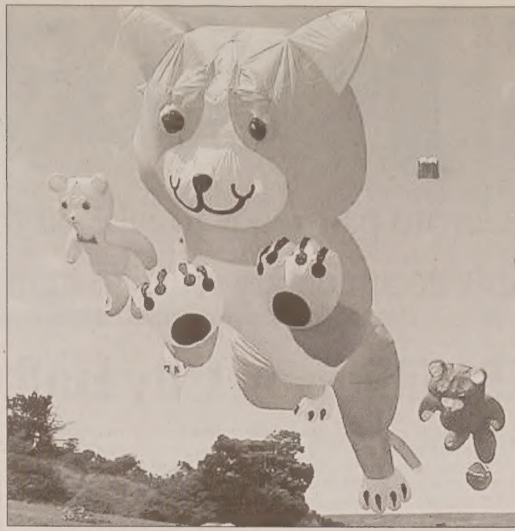
## Short notice carpool matches

An Internet-based car pool system premiered this week in an effort to help commuters along the Interstate 80 corridor get to work faster. Called Ride Now, the program matches commuters with workers headed in the same direction, like a cross between official rideshare programs and more information casual car pools.

Simply log in your travel route at [www.ridenow.org](http://www.ridenow.org), and the system will automatically match you up with a commuter headed your way, said Ride Now president Dan Kirshner.

Commuters can also call 877-RIDE180, (877-743-3480), for more information or to sign up for the free service.

— Staff reports



## Berkeley Kite Festival take off this weekend

IT'S THAT high-flying time of the year again when the Berkeley Kite Festival gets airborne at Chavez Park in the Berkeley marina from 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Activities will include kite building and flying lessons, as well as various music and food booths. Of course, there's the kites. House-sized creatures compete for attention with Japanese kite battles, walk-through windsocks, and aerial acrobatics. The Sundowners Kite Team and the Berkeley Kite Team will be performing. Call 510-235-5483 or visit [www.highlinekites.com](http://www.highlinekites.com) for information.

## ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

## Monday, July 19

■ **NEIGHBORHOOD DISPUTE** — At about 5 p.m. officers responded to the 700 block of Key Route Boulevard on reports of a dispute between neighbors. According to the report, the gardener of one neighbor was using a noisy leaf blower in the back yard and the other neighbor decided to use the water spray from his garden hose to stop the activity. The hose-wielding neighbor refused to talk with officers in favor of calling his lawyer, police said.

■ **HAWK ATTACK** — Officers responded to calls from residents on the 900 block of Jackson Street regarding yelling coming from the 900 block of Madison Street. A woman was heard screaming "no no no." Upon investigation officers learned that a hawk was after her pet bird and she was chasing it away. Her bird was safe and the hawk was gone.

## Thursday, July 22

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — At about 8 a.m. officers observed a black '91 Honda Accord on the 900 block of Washington Avenue that appeared to have been broken into. A check found the car was owned by a resident on the 800 block of Solano Avenue. Thieves had stolen the vehicle, driven it to Washington Avenue where they prowled the interior, stole items and then abandoned it.

■ **VAN STOLEN** — During the night

thieves stole a blue Nissan van parked on the 700 block of Madison Street.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At about 3:30 p.m. officers stopped a blue Nissan near Solano and Talbot avenues for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 23-year-old Richmond man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from Oakland for reckless driving.

■ **LICENSE PLATES STOLEN** — A resident on the 900 block of Peralta Avenue reported that thieves had stolen the license plates off his blue Subaru. There were no witnesses.

## Friday, July 23

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 2 a.m. officers responded to a bar on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a customer who was refusing to leave and then had passed out. They arrested a 27-year-old Richmond man for disorderly conduct.

■ **NO BAIL WARRANT** — At about 6 p.m. officers stopped an '86 GMC pickup near San Pablo and Washington avenues for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 49-year-old Albany man, was found to have a No Bail warrant out of Contra Costa County for causing corporal injury and for drug charges. He was arrested and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **EGGING** — A resident on the 900 block of Ventura Avenue reported vandals had thrown eggs at his home.

## Saturday, July 24

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — An Oakland man reported that during the afternoon thieves broke into his gold '90 Toyota parked on Buchanan Street.

## Sunday, July 25

■ **MULTIPLE CHARGES** — Officers arrested an El Sobrante man, 24, on the 700 block of Johnson Street for an outstanding BART warrant for destroying property and for kidnapping, making threats and domestic violence.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — Thieves stole a Giant Boulder Mountain bike from a residence on the 1000 block of Santa Fe Avenue.

■ **DETERGENT THIEF** — At about 2:30 p.m. an employee at the Safeway Store on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue reported that a man had just stolen detergent and was last seen heading west on Marin Avenue.

## Monday, July 26

■ **CIGARETTE THEIF** — At about 12:30 a.m. an employee at the AM/PM on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that a man just stole a pack of cigarettes. He was last seen departing in a blue Nissan Altima and the employee gave officers the license plate number.

■ **TOYOTA LOCATED** — Officers located a maroon '90 Toyota near

## EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

## Thursday, July 8

■ **WARRANT ARRESTS** — Three men were arrested at a home on the 5300 block of Sacramento Avenue in Richmond at 8:25 a.m. The men, all in their 40s, had different warrants for their arrest. The warrants included possession of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance for sales.

## Thursday, July 15

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A wallet and briefcase were taken from a 2002 Mercury on the 7100 block of Gladys Avenue sometime between 6:45 and 6:50 p.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A blue 1990 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 7300 block of Hotchkiss Avenue sometime between 10 p.m. on July 15 and 7:30 a.m. the next day.

## Friday, July 16

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — The stereo was taken from a vehicle on the 6000 block of Avila Street sometime between 10:30 p.m. on July 16 and 7:30 a.m. the next day. A window was also smashed.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERY** — A stolen 1987 Toyota Camry was recovered on the 2300 block of Gloria Avenue. It was reported stolen from Mono Avenue on July 14.

## Saturday, July 17

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — The inside of a vehicle parked in a garage on the 5900 block of Alta Punta Avenue was ransacked sometime between 8:30 p.m. on July 15 and 11:30 a.m. on July 17. Whoever ransacked the vehicle also pried open the garage door.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT, DRUGS** — Two

men, one from Novato, the other from Richmond, were arrested at Central Avenue and the Interstate 80 freeway at 1:25 p.m. on suspicion of possessing a stolen Jeep. The 36-year-old Novato man threw away a bag of methamphetamine when he was arrested, police said. He also had a large amount of cash, packaging and a scale.

## Sunday, July 18

■ **VEHICLE VANDALISM** — The window of a 2001 Cadillac in the 10100 block of San Pablo Avenue was shattered sometime between 7 p.m. on July 18 and 9 a.m. the next day. A piece of leather was also cut out of one of the seats.

■ **DRUGS** — A 35-year-old Richmond man was arrested on suspicion of possessing methamphetamines during a vehicle stop on the 10800 block of San Pablo Avenue shortly after 4 a.m.

■ **FORGERY, ID THEFT** — A man was arrested on suspicion of theft after he bought money from Target with a forged check. Police said the man was carrying credit and ID cards longed to other people.

## Monday, July 19

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A Honda Accord was taken from the 6000 block of El Dorado Street between 9:30 p.m. on Sunday and 6:20 a.m. the next day.

## Tuesday, July 20

■ **BURGLARY** — A mail box was taken from a home on the 10100 block of Betty Lane sometime between 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. The home was broken through an open window and was ransacked.

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# S 'ingenue' shines with the Lamplighters

ONE OF THE MORE misleading myths about the Bay Area is that all the sophisticated live in San Francisco, while we here in the suburbs are a bunch of

...so, how come The Lamplighters — the best of Sullivan troupe in the Bay Area — is evidenced by the first properties they routinely open for the International Gilbert and Sullivan Festival in Buxton, N.Y. — have a hard time getting tickets for their San Francisco performances, but the Lamplighters Creek shows sell out the minute the doors open. It's happened again as The Lamplighters open their 300th performance, "The Ingenue's masterpiece," "The Ingenue" at the Dean Lesher Theater in Walnut Creek next week, Aug. 5 to 7.

If you want to see any of the performances, you'd better get there early. But if you're too late for the shows at the Buena Center in San Francisco, later in the month you can go to get. (It's really not bad; Yerba Buena is a beautiful place with a lot of blocks from the city. The BART station is at least you're spared the traffic of driving.) We are going to have The Lamplighters in our backyard, whenever we want.

They are remarkably, they are enjoying the enjoyment. The actors perform for the audience behind-the-scenes costumes, makeup, hair, etc. — work for the only ones who are the orchestra, behind the union contract re-

...how The Lamplighters keep ticket prices at the level where people can afford

...do they do it?

...to be on stage and go through the challenge of being a performer, says coloratura Jennifer Ashworth of the troupe, who plays the ingenue, Yum-Yum. "It's more of a beautiful musical about getting to the character."

...only 29, Ashworth is a Lamplighters star, and she's been with the troupe for over 10 years. The canon, including "H.M.S. Pinafore," "The Pirates of Pen-



MARTIN SNAPP  
Snapp Shots

zance," and Phyllis in "Iolanthe" (for which she was chosen Best Supporting Actress at last year's Buxton festival).

"I like playing ingenues," she says. "They're dippy, and yet they have some spunk to them."

All the actors in The Lamplighters have beautiful, classically-trained operatic voices. But Ashworth is something special. She's a rare combination of delicacy and power, sort of a cross between Cecilia Bartoli and Ethel Merman.

But despite her obvious talents, she doesn't put on any airs.

"She's the anti-diva," says chorus member Kristin Jones of San Francisco. "The night before the opening of 'Iolanthe,' we all got together with her for a slumber party. We spent the whole night eating junk food, doing each other's hair, and watching hunky boy movies."

"She's the ideal ingenue," says Lamplighters artistic director Barbara Heroux. "We're hoping she'll stick around forever."

That may or may not happen. The sad truth is that the Bay Area, for all its delights, doesn't have the fan base to support its performing artists. Many bright young talents come from here, but they don't stay here. Sooner or later, they have to face the fact that if they want to take it to the next level, they have to move to New York or L.A.

But Ashworth is in no hurry to leave.

"I love it here," she says. "Besides, I have the best day job in the world: I'm the band teacher at the School of the Madeleine in Berkeley. I get to teach music to children who actually want to learn music. Who could ask for anything more?"

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

## OF THE WEEK



Berkeley East Bay Humane Society. She's affectionate and she's groomed. She has stayed longer at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society than some other cats, because she has been there for a while and she may be available for adoption.

— The following cats may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society.

Male terrier mix, 1½ years; female Labrador retriever mix, 10 months; female border collie-greyhound mix, 5 months; male border collie, 5 years; male chihuahua mix, 5 years; female pitbull, 3 years; male golden retriever, 8 years; female German shepherd mix, 1 year; male Samoyed mix, 3 years; female calico, 3 years; male black and white, 9 years; male grey tabby, 7 years; female black and white, 6 years; female tortoiseshell, 5 years; female black and white, 3 years; female tortoiseshell, 4

Adoption fee: cats \$100; dogs \$125 — including spaying neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

# Neighbors

## Essay calling reading a fad misses the point



JULIE WINKELSTEIN  
At the Library

"... I am convinced that a society without literature, or a society in which literature has been relegated — like some hidden vice — to the margins of social and personal life, and transformed into something like a sectarian cult, is a society condemned to become spiritually barbaric, and even to jeopardize its freedom."

— From "Why Literature?" Mario Vargas Llosa, the "New Republic" 2001

The June 27, 2004, "New York Times Book Review" had a controversial essay by Cristina Nehring, called "Books Make You a Boring Person." I was surprised by this article and it made me angry.

One could say this essay was not even worth considering, since it seems like a trite and easy attack on what the author called the "fetishization" of reading. But it made me think about fads; in particular, how tempting it can be to write off someone who seems to be participating in one.

Her premise is that not only has reading books become

enormously popular, but also readers assume some sort of moral superiority over non-readers. As she puts it: "To be a reader these days is to be a sterling member of society, a thoughtful and sensitive human being, a winner."

Her other point is that people who read a lot can't think for themselves: "We all know people who have read everything and have nothing to say," she asserts. It is interesting to note that her support for this assertion includes quoting writers from the 16th, 18th and 19th centuries. It is a brave person who denigrates readers and then proceeds to expose her background of extensive reading.

I think what bothers me most about her description of those faddish readers is that

she leaves out so much.

Nowhere does she talk about visiting a public library and seeing what librarians see every day: Parents reading aloud to their children, children reading to themselves, teens browsing the shelves in the teen area, patrons discussing titles at the reference desk, and the rustle of pages in the newspaper and magazine corner.

Nor does she talk about the joy of discovering a book and recommending it to a friend. Or of rediscovering a novel and finding you still like it, 40 years later. Or the feeling you get when you are coming to the last few pages and you dread reaching the end, because all those characters will disappear from your daily life.

I do agree that reading seems to be "in" these days. Large bookstores are everywhere, and their chairs and floors and coffee areas are filled by people reading. There are book discussion groups, city-wide book readings, books about book groups, radio discussions of books and more. But it is not clear to me what exactly this means about the

readers themselves; in fact, I don't think it tells us anything about them. Since almost any activity can become a fad — eating dark chocolate, driving a hybrid car, wearing a hat, getting a piercing — it is difficult to imagine why anyone would use popularity as a way of diminishing the pleasure or importance of a behavior.

I think Ms. Nehring has forgotten about the power of a book, no matter why it is being read. It can be a respite, a conversation, a life-changer. It is more than the words on the page. It is what we make of them, how we incorporate them into our lives and our thoughts, and how we interact with other readers. To again quote Mario Vargas Llosa, "(Literature) exists only when it is adopted by others and becomes a part of social life — when it becomes, thanks to reading, a shared experience."

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org or at the Albany Library.

## Folk dancing trip travels over land and sea

Have you ever seen a whole field of sunflowers, all in bloom? What a lovely sight — their bright faces raised to the skies, reflecting the warmth and color of the sun.

We saw several such fields on our ride from the Danube to the city of Bucharest in Romania just weeks ago.

Unfortunately, the countryside also was dotted with those ugly, gray, Soviet-style apartment houses that the dictator Nicolae Ceausescu built all over the country. Not a pretty sight.

Because I have mentioned him before, let me remind you that this man, Ceausescu, an ugly shadow over what had been a beautiful land, was dictator of Communist Romania from 1965 until he and his wife were put to death in December 1989.

We, the passengers on the riverboat the River Duchess, were on the last leg of our trip on the Danube from Vienna to the Black Sea. I was there with a large group of folk dancers, led by Mel Mann and his wife, Esther.

Many of the dedicated dancers had taken several previous trips with Mel and were great fans of his. This trip was



CLARA-RAE GENSER  
Community Folk

called "Dancing on the Water," and indeed they did dance on the water during the trip, even in the hot sun of a summer afternoon.

Because of a fall I had taken in Vienna, I was unable to join in the dancing, but I enjoyed watching them. And I enjoyed the several folk dance groups that danced for us in the countries we passed through: Hungary, Serbia, Croatia, Bulgaria.

The dances were athletic, with much kicking and jumping, which they did very well. Their costumes were colorful and beautiful.

Bucharest was our last stop. We flew home from there. I

had used my mileage to fly business class, and that was a blessing. It was a long flight — or, several long flights, since I had to change planes at Frankfurt and again at New York.

Because of my fall, I was rather disabled during the trip, but everyone, from my fellow travelers to the staff of the River Duchess, was solicitous and helpful to me.

The food was plentiful and beautifully presented. A tour of the kitchen revealed a sparkling clean, modern place to prepare food. An earlier tour of the engine house was equally enlightening, as we watched the captain steer through the river. We went through several locks, one that took us down some 45 feet, then up again 25 feet. It was the deepest lock I had experienced, and it was like sinking down into a cave.

Coming home was, as always, an adventure. The piled-up mail, the telephone mes-

sages, the email messages. ... I have finally gotten through all of them and can take a deep sigh and relax. I am home.

This will be my last travel column for a while. I have so many wonderful people to meet, interview and write about. I am still getting messages about my column on Henry Kruse, and I am so glad that so many of you cared about him. His brother Edwin has written, asking me to relay the comments from people who have been in contact; I promised to do so. Obviously, he misses Henry a great deal.

I always appreciate feedback and suggestions. Please keep them coming. 'Bye for now.

Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, please write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should  
a government without newspapers, or newspapers  
without a government, I should not hesitate a moment  
to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

## EDITORIAL

## Blood donors are needed this summer

**"J**UST ONE donation can save up to three lives." So says the headline on the Web site of the Northern California branch of the Red Cross. It is a statistic that is cruising through the media these days, as the organization tries valiantly to secure the blood it needs to save lives.

As of earlier this month, it wasn't.

The supply of type O blood is down to less than half a day's needs, the organization has said. Type O is known as the universal blood type because any patient can receive type O negative blood while 86 percent can receive type O+ blood in an emergency.

All blood donors are needed, but the shortage of Type O is the worst of all blood shortages because the type must be available to treat trauma patients as well as meet the transfusion needs of all type O patients.

"Every 2 seconds, someone needs blood," says Red Cross spokeswoman Sara O'Brien. "With family vacations, school closings and holidays, the blood supply reached critically low levels. We have collected 20 percent less blood than we expected, and needed, to collect so far this month."

Donating blood takes about an hour, with the actual donation lasting about seven minutes. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in general good health. It is recommended blood donors drink plenty of water and eat a light meal before giving blood.

The American Red Cross is accepting blood donations at the American Red Cross Blood Center, at 6230 Claremont Ave. in Oakland. Call for the hours of operation. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit BeADonor.com.

Mobile blood drives are great ways for youth groups to be of service, and it is amazing what a child's plea can do to convince a parent that giving blood is worth it.

We will all benefit from someone else's blood some day. But for now we can help make sure that someone who needs it today, has it.

## SHARE YOUR OPINION

The Journal is looking for readers to share their views about community issues via e-mail for a new feature — Talkback.

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## SUMMER IS THE TIME TO GET AWAY FROM THE TV

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I KNOW. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE IT STILL IS FUNNY.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Wages, health care

The presidential candidates should be discussing:

■ A living wage. Today, 47 million full-time workers make less than \$10 an hour; 25 percent of all workers make \$8.70 an hour or less.

■ Single-payer health care as provided by all other industrialized nations. We have 44 million with no health care and tens of millions who are underinsured, thanks to our health care-for-profit system.

■ The entrenchment of corporations into every institutional system in this country (don't the ads on baseball fields drive you nuts?), and as a byproduct, massive corporate crime and environmental degradation.

■ The bloated, redundant military budget.

■ The illegality of the war in Iraq and the need for corporate and military withdrawal from that country.

■ Overhaul of our electoral system with proportional representation, instant runoff voting, same-day registration and publicly funded public elections.

■ Open dialogue on Israel/Palestine. The road to peace in the Middle East and cessation of terrorism is through Jerusalem, not Baghdad.

This is just a start. Let's see, will Kerry/Bush discuss these? No? No! But Nader/Camejo are!

Jayne Thomas  
El Cerrito

## Correction to story

In your "News Briefs" column of July 23, you incorrectly stated I was absent from the Albany Board of Education Meeting of July 13, at which the board approved placing the Albany School Improvement Bond of 2004 on the November ballot.

I was, indeed, present and voted to approve the ballot measure.

Although one board member was unable to attend the July 13 meeting at which the board gave final approval for the ballot measure, all five members of the board have actively participated in a three-month evaluation of the proposed bond.

As you correctly reported, the proposed bond moneys would be used to modernize Marin and Ocean View elementary schools, MacGregor High School, which is located in the same building as Ocean View Elementary, and Cougar and Ocean View fields.

Major repairs, such as roof replacement, have not been made at Marin and Ocean View schools for more than 25 years, and Cougar Field has not been substantially renovated since 1952.

Charles Blanchard  
Albany

Blanchard is an Albany School Board member.

## A stunning production

If you're lucky, you'll catch "My Fair Lady" at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre. I first saw it about 50 years ago, and this performance is really a winner!

We saw it recently and I can say the singers and sets are stunning. The guys who played Alfie Doolittle and Professor Higgins were better than the actors in the movie.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre is at the corner of Moeser Lane and Pomona Avenue in El Cerrito. Tickets are \$20; \$12 for 16 and younger. Reservations: 510-524-9132, but you don't pay until you get there.

The box office opens at 7 p.m.; they

start seating at 7:30 p.m. (on a first-come-first-serve basis); and the show starts at 8 p.m. The theater is so small, all seats are good.

My Fair Lady will play at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays through Aug. 14 and at 2 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 8.

Joan Bartulovich  
El Cerrito

## United at last

I never thought I would live to see the day when the entire population would be united behind a Texan and his multinational team.

Thank you, Lance Armstrong. Allez, allez!

Howard Jones  
Hercules

## Uncivil behavior

Many letters to the editor are critical of other writers. Some writers call others names, such as idiot and stupid.

I hate it when I read this type of thing. If you do not agree with someone, destroy his or her opinions with facts, figures, intelligence and reason.

To denigrate someone because of their opinion is not only ignorant, intolerant and rude, but also very un-American, in my opinion.

To paraphrase the great Voltaire, I may not believe what you say, but I will fight to the death for your right to say it.

Carol Olsen  
San Pablo

## Outrageous concessions

Schwarzenegger's concessions to the prison guard union, in exchange for salary concessions, are outrageous.

He's obviously ignoring the recommendations of the Corrections Independent Review Panel, chaired by former Gov. Deukmejian, which detailed reforms to deal with abuse of prisoners by guards. (www.report.cpr.ca.gov/corr/index.htm) Instead, every concession gives the guards an incentive to continue!

An abused prisoner is more likely to act out his/her anger and frustration upon release, violate parole and be sent back. Concession:

■ No layoffs unless the current prison population is reduced by 6 percent.

■ He gives them the responsibility of determining whether the San Quentin University Project, aimed at reducing recidivism, is successful and should be expanded to other prisons. The union has consistently lobbied against rehabilitation programs.

■ Copies of tapes involving guard abuse must be sent to the union for "public relations efforts," which only ensures the "code of silence" among the guards.

Any money saved from the salary concessions will be offset by money promised via other means, such as \$5,000 for each staff member impacted by closure of three youth facilities, even if transferred to other positions.

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And, finally, it holds the Legislature hostage by requiring that it appropriate "continuous appropriation" of through July 2006, or "none of the concessions contained in this agreement will become effective."

While spouting rhetoric about "interests," Schwarzenegger has gone to the strongest lobbying force in California.

## Cheney's display

Dick Cheney defended his display against Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy on the Senate floor by saying that the better for it.

In fact, Cheney has plenty to feel about: In 2002 and 2003, Halliburton, a money-losing venture, posted losses for two successive years. Now, as a result of its Iraq contracts (operating Halliburton earns some \$1 billion a month. (It won't reveal its current margin.)

As a man with a sick heart living borrowed time, he can also feel guilty his place as the most influential vice president in history is already secure, has held sway over the American nation in an unprecedented way.

In spite of the tragic consequences of our violent seizure of Iraq, millions of Americans will still clap Cheney back for his bravura display of emotion on the Senate floor. They are to join him in a resounding cheer directed against all enemies, real and imagined, with greatest passion against fellow countrymen.

Sheila Ne...

## Declining education

It seems the quality of education has come down to: How much money take to line pockets, rather than to educate a child? In other words, money makes minds don't.

The cost of a child's learning education on what's at hand to do the job. In the West Contra Costa school district it's more a matter of what the school do without.

We're supposed to be teaching future leaders of our country. Instead we're pushing them away. As the programs and staff are cut due to costs, children feel they don't matter. A parent, I feel their assumption is...

Administrators seek to "supply" themselves rather than supplying children a decent education. Gloria Johnson, an outrageous salary. That's not considering there aren't enough teachers in classrooms to go around for each...

When children feel unappreciated they cease trying. As programs would enhance their education, children feel the hopelessness of endeavors.

Children have a right to a quality learning experience. They should have to suffer because of the system's inadequacy.

Also, we taxpayers shouldn't be denied with more taxes every year. School district needs money, while administrators' paychecks keep growing. They should be willing to take a pay cut. Let them take a 20 percent pay cut for a year and then perhaps they know what we feel.

I don't think the school board members hear us — or care!

Barbara...



# Agency-by-agency report card

chart shows how public agencies complied with both the California Fair Political Practices Act and the Public Records Act. The Fair Political Practices Act requires that agencies make statements of economic interest of their board members available for public review during business hours. The Public Records Act classifies contracts as public records that should be available for public inspection with no or minimal delay.

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## ALAMEDA COUNTY

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## CONTRA COSTA SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Contra Community College	Yes	No	No	Yes	3	No	No	Yes	6
Contra Unified	No	No	No	Yes	2	No	No	Yes	2
Contra Costa Unified	Yes	No	No	Yes	17	No	No	No	NP

## ALAMEDA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Contra Unified	Yes	No	No	Yes	20	No	No	No	NP
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Contra Air	No	Yes	No	Yes	1	No	No	Yes	6
Contra MUD	No	No	No	Yes	8	No	No	Yes	8
Contra Regional Park	No	No	No	Yes	3	No	No	Yes	3
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Contra Costa Health	No	No	No	Yes	25	Yes	Yes	Yes	1

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## Workshop set on public records access

part of its investigation of records access, the Contra Times will host a workshop on the subject for government officials and the public at its Walnut Creek.

newspaper is inviting representatives of each agency it surveys to a free two-hour session of legal experts.

times is to offer an opportunity for public records experts as a way of improving understanding of the law. Agencies having no money for training on public records.

The panelists will be Terry Francke, general counsel of Californians Aware and one of the state's top experts on public records; Tom Haas, Walnut Creek's city attorney; Bob Stern, former general counsel to the California Fair Political Practices Commission, and Karl Olson, the Times' attorney.

The forum will run from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the newspaper's second floor conference room at 2640 Shadelands Drive, Walnut Creek. Seating is limited. Call 925-943-8105 for details or driving directions.

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## Parks

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parks in the tax zone, including Tilden, Chabot, Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline and the newly created Eastshore State Park.

Other parks that could see increased funding if the tax passes would include: Alameda Point, Anthony Chabot, Crown Beach, Eastshore State Park, Huckleberry, Kennedy Grove, Lake Chabot, Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline, Miller/Knox, Point Isabel, Point Pinole, Redwood, Roberts, Temescal, Tilden, Tilden Nature Area, Wildcat Canyon, Leona, Brooks Island, Claremont Canyon, Sibley and Alvarado.

The policy would include as-

surance that if more money is raised by the proposed tax, other revenue sources would not be shifted to parks in less funded portions of the district.

Meanwhile, a mail-in ballot to raise taxes for open space is under way in Contra Costa County, and that means that if the park district goes ahead as expected, homeowners in western Contra Costa will be asked to tax themselves twice for parks in less than six months.

Some critics of the park district said they already have problems with the plan, although organizations like the Regional Parks Association, which opposed the 1998 tax measure, has yet to take a position.

"They can't seem to win a

vote, and now they try an end-run around the normal process," said Greg Schneider, a frequent critic of the park district who is on the park association's board.

For West Contra Costa residents who are now deciding on a new county-wide benefit assessment for open space, the park district's measure on the November ballot would be a "double whammy" of taxes this year, Schneider said.

Radke, while acknowledging that hitting up west Contra Costa twice in one year was "a concern," said the benefit assessment district proposed by Contra Costa County is mostly for land acquisition, while the park district's tax is for operations and maintenance.

The last two times the park district asked voters for more

money, in 1998 and 2002, a lack of support east of the hills led the measures to fall barely short of the necessary two-thirds.

Now, the district plans to carve out a new tax zone where support on the earlier ballots ran high. The new zone includes Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, San Pablo, Albany, Emeryville, Berkeley, Piedmont, Kensington, Alameda and Oakland. The district's pollster says those areas supported the tax by 70 percent in 1998 and 73 percent in 2002.

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## Records

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to produce records, but only for complicated queries. It requires agencies to "make records promptly available."

Francke and others said there can be no excuse for taking 10 days to produce a contract that a public body such as a city council or school board has approved.

The median wait for contracts the reporters requested was three days, with a high of 27 days. Alameda County never produced Administrator Susan Muranishi's contract.

Most local agencies do not offer training in public records law compliance.

A spokesperson for the Fair Political Practices Commission said that because of deep budget cuts the commission no longer sends trainers around the state unless someone else pays for it. Reporters routinely encountered officials ignorant of both the Fair Political Practices and Public Records acts.

At the Zone 7 Water Agency, serving the Livermore-Amador Valley, executive secretary Barbara Morse met a reporter with a terse, "Let's get it out in the open. Who are you?"

"Sometimes you're coming in and you don't know what their motives are," Morse said later. "I don't think that's an unreasonable given security."

Morse, who has been a water agency for many years, said she attended on public records law something you pick up years," she said.

Francke said he was probing questions from if the requests had been. But the newspaper's employment contract, a nomic interest statement, "laser-point," he said, couldn't be any way that.

Part of the problem, he said, was that records belong to the public, said Peter J. Frick, executive director of the First Amendment Center.

"Most people want to see what they can exercise their public employee," Frick said, and that leads them to holding access. "The power is having control of the information."

## Cafe

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and Starbucks attract pedestrians.

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"It's really perfect," said Nelson. "It's mixed use, it combines retail activity with residents behind and above ... It's the (model) that Plaza businesses on Fairmount are trying to mimic. I hope they have a good business

plan and make money and are successful."

Originally from Italy, Dito is a long-time El Cerrito resident who also owns Dito's Doors Inc. in San Pablo. He bought the 11-unit apartment building about four years ago as an investment.

Opening the cafe, he said, has been a challenge. Dito got city approvals two years ago but had to postpone any work on the cafe because of financial difficulties.

Consequently, he's had to come back for new city ap-

provals. The DRB last week approved the conversion and expansion of the building.

The planning commission is set to consider the project for a use permit at its Aug. 4 meeting, said planning manager Jennifer Carman. Building permits will also be needed.

Carman said it's likely the planning commission will approve the project.

Nelson said the DRB was excited to see Dito come back and "take another stab at it." The

DRB just tried to stay out of the way.

"It was a bit of a love fest at the DRB meeting," he said.

Dito said he hopes to open next spring but nothing is certain.

"I think we'll be able to transform the area for what the city has in mind," said Dito. "For me I do it for the thrill of it."

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## City Hall

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consensus like that," Ely said. "Usually people want more."

There was less consensus at the city's July 6 meeting, when the council was considering spending \$6.5 million on the City Hall and public safety projects.

City Administrator Beth Pollard decreased the amount of money for that project by removing the City Hall expansion from the list of considerations. The building will not be expanded but it will be seismically retrofitted and new utilities installed.

The police and fire stations will be expanded as well as retrofitted. Fire Chief Marc McGinn and Police Chief Greg Bone argued that their departments had outgrown their 1960s-era buildings.

"Everything is being done here for safety," said Vice Mayor Robert Good. "The police station is not being done for luxury but to place the EOC (Emergency Operating Center) there. This is a bare bones retrofit and improvement which is what the voters wanted us to do."

Removing the City Hall expansion from the list of considerations allowed more money to be put into parks and recreation programs.

The \$3.4 million that will be spent on those programs comes closer to the \$4.1 million the

city's parks and recreation commission asked for.

The projects to be funded by that money are: improvements at Ocean View Park, the Dartmouth Tot Lot, Terrace Park and Memorial Park, plus money to acquire land for a park on Pierce Street.

"The revised staff recommendation goes very far toward meeting our needs," said parks and recreation commissioner Alan Riffer.

Three projects were taken off the list because Pollard believed they could be paid for in other ways. Those projects were upgrading the Albany Veteran's Memorial building and improving the Ohlone Greenway and waterfront trail.

Pollard has also recom-

mended that new taxes be looked at to pay for other parks and recreation projects.

Former Albany mayor Robert Cheasty questioned whether the City Hall and public safety buildings expansion violated the "spirit" of the bond measure.

He asked the council to put the money earmarked for expansion into parks projects and ask residents to tax themselves for the city hall and public safety expansion so the city could get everything it wants without violating what he residents voted for.

"What you have over there," said Cheasty, pointing to a conceptual drawing of the expanded public safety buildings, "is not what voters had in mind when

they voted for earthquake and emergency preparedness."

After the meeting, Cheasty said he wasn't opposed to revamping City Hall, but there hasn't been enough planning or input.

"If they want to revamp City Hall or the police and fire department, I'm not opposed to the idea," he said. "But they should involve city input and proper city planning into it."

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# Doctors Medical Center transition spurs fear

West Contra Costa  
Healthcare District's  
Transition of Doctors  
Medical Center San Pablo  
Means Layoffs

By Judy Silber  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Doctors Medical Center San Pablo must slash labor costs to stop mounting losses and survive transition Sunday from a public hospital, according to financial documents filed by the Times.

The documents reveal that West Contra Costa County's most important hospital has so far lost \$1 million this year under Healthcare Corp.

At a private hospital chain, West Contra Costa County is six months ago to stop losing the hospital. Left to the financial mess is the newly funded West Contra Costa Healthcare District, which will take over operations Sunday.

Because the hospital's doors will be closed, the district must reverse the dire financial situation it faces. Contra Costa County will lose its second emergency room, and many residents won't have a hospital other than the small Permanent facility in Sausalito.

It won't be easy. The hospital's financial situation spun out of control in the final year of Tenet's tenure. It lost \$1 million in March, \$1.6 million in April, \$2.4 million in May and \$2 million in June, according to Tenet spokesman Burleson. Burleson said the transition was associated with the transi-

tion, a lower-than-normal patient count and the January start of mandatory nurse-staffing levels are to blame.

Tenet leaves the hospital with updated facilities and no debt. But the district faces a formidable challenge in figuring out how to quickly turn the financial situation around.

The district's financial projections are ambitious. By year's end, it expects that the hospital no longer will be spending more than it takes in. It estimates that by early spring, Doctors Medical Center will have enough cash to finance its monthly operations. And for 2005, the budget predicts the hospital will earn a small profit.

To achieve these goals, the budget demands immediate expense cutting and a revamping of how the hospital provides medical care. District officials admit this may require layoffs from the hospital's 1,050 full- and part-time registered nurses, nurse aides and other hospital workers.

According to the district's budget, average monthly labor costs will decrease 15 percent, from \$7.6 million under Tenet this year to \$6.5 million in 2005.

"The goal is to find reductions in costs other than layoffs," said Jim Beaver, executive director of the West Contra Costa Healthcare District. But the hospital may very well resort to staffing cuts if it has no other way to meet its budget, he said.

The hospital's unions disagree. "There's not been a case presented to us that describes a need for layoffs," said John Borsos, vice president of the Service Em-

ployees International Union Local 250, which represents nurse aides and other hospital workers at Doctors Medical Center.

For the hospital to thrive and grow, it needs its caregivers, he said. "We don't think you can cut your way out of this."

District officials say they've been conservative in calculating how to make ends meet.

They excluded revenues from the medical center's Pinole campus, where outpatient care is done, because the district still is negotiating a new lease with its owners. Officials also presumed the number of patients receiving specialty care, such as cardiology or obstetrics would remain similar to prior years, though newly appointed Chief Executive Officer Irwin Hansen has said he wants to woo West County patients away from other area hospitals.

Layoffs would be only the latest indignity suffered by employees at Doctors Medical Center. For more than seven years, they've seen the hospital's fortunes rise and fall.

Facing bankruptcy, the district turned to Tenet in 1997 to save the hospital. For a few years, Tenet appeared successful. But in 2002, things began to fall apart.

First, a raid on Tenet's Redding facility set off federal and state investigations into the company's medical and billing practices. Second, in November 2002, registered nurses at Doctors Medical Center began a 13-month strike over retirement benefits. Tenet hired expensive traveling nurses to fill the striking nurses' positions. It lost

about \$27 million in 2003, according to the district, more than the hospital chain or district had previously reported.

A month after the strike ended, Tenet announced it would stop running the hospital. Since then, employees have had to live with uncertainty as the district debated whether it should take over operations or find a replacement for Tenet. Now, workers face imminent layoffs as the hospital tries to figure out how to make ends meet.

District officials emphasize that layoffs are not certain. But they say they'll have to learn the details of operations at Doctors Medical Center before they make any decisions.

"We know the hospital is not operating efficiently," said Susan Cosgrove, a financial consultant for the district. "If you look at the amount of staffing at that hospital and compare it to industry benchmarks, it's high, but we don't know why. ... We're not running the units. We're not doing the scheduling and staffing."

As first steps toward reducing costs, the district's business plan calls for improving the efficiency with which patients are admitted and discharged. It also mentions shifting nurses' assignments so they can spend more time with patients and less time walking the hallways between cases.

In turn, the hospital intends to cut overtime hours and end contracts with temporary nurses. The district's budget shows a decrease in costs for registry workers — which include traveling

nurses and other temporary employees — from \$7 million in 2004 to \$2 million in 2005.

After that, additional cost-cutting may have to come from layoffs, Cosgrove said.

District officials defend the idea of layoffs, saying they may

have no other choice if West County is to have a hospital.

"Any short-term pain is all designed to sustain the hospital as we put in place a business plan for growth," Beaver said.

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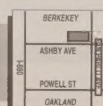
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■ Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, offers theatre classes and seminars for children youth and adults throughout the year including summer camps, stage craft seminars, after-school programs and theatre techniques and improvisation. All classes and seminars are taught by professionals. Details: 510-524-9132 or visit [www.cctc.org](http://www.cctc.org).

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■ South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis St., offers a free aerobics, stretching, strengthening fitness class for adults 55+. The class is taught by Naomi Puro. For more information, call 510-981-5170.

## Community

■ The 13th annual Alta Bates Summit Celebrity Golf and Tennis Classic benefits the medical center's nationally recognized substance-abuse program, Thunder Road. Jim Courier and John Lloyd headline the celebrity tennis event on Saturday, Sept. 18. Watch 30-plus sports and entertainment celebrities compete with sponsored tennis players

on six courts at the Berkeley Tennis Club. Followed by a star-studded gala dinner at the Claremont Resort. Tickets to the celebrity tennis event cost \$25 and include a box lunch; children 10 and under are free. Tickets to the gala dinner are also available. For more info or tickets, visit [www.abstfn.org](http://www.abstfn.org), or call 510-204-1667. The Alta Bates Summit Celebrity Golf Tournament kicks off the week at the Diablo Country Club. Golfers will tee off on Monday, Sept. 12 for a day competing with local pros and celebrities. Tickets to the golf tournament cover a round of golf, lunch and a celebrity gala dinner.

■ The Arlington Community Church in Kensington would like to invite singers in the neighborhood to a Potluck /

Sing-through of their fall music. Potluck starts at 6 p.m. and starts at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., in Kensington. Leslie, the choir director at the church 526-9148 for location.

■ Sample some 35 varieties of tomatoes at the Tuesday Berkeley Market free Tomato Tasting Aug. 3, 2-7 p.m. Derby Street Market, 3333, www.ecologycenter.org

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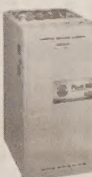


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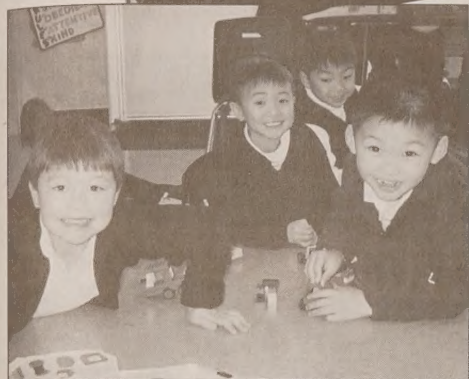
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and Italian Americans in Richmond During World War II" takes place Saturday, July 31, from 3-4:30 p.m. at East Bay Free Methodist Church, 5395 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito. Speakers: Lawrence DiStasi, Donna Graves and Lynne Horuchi. The event is free. Details: 510-540-6809.

■ **The United Nations Association and UNICEF Center** (UNA-USA East Bay Chapter) invites you to its 40th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, July 31, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Music, dance, food and friends! 1403 B Addison St. (in the University Avenue Andronico's parking lot between Sacramento Street and Acton Street) Berkeley. A special goodbye to Mary Lee Tramplesure, retiring Center Director, and a warm welcome to Enver Rahmanov, new Center Director. 510-49-1752.

### Exhibits

■ **Judah L. Magnes Museum**, 2911 Russell St., continues its exhibit "A Voice Silenced," through Sept. 19. The exhibition, by Diane Neumaier, is in memory of Leonore Schwarz Neumaier. Gallery hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call 510-549-6950 or visit the Web site at [www.magnes.org](http://www.magnes.org).

■ **Giorgi Gallery**, 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Presents "An Angel Is My Watermark" August 3 to 30 Reception August 5th at 5pm. Monoprints by Elizabeth Addison and her printmaking students from Studio 1509 in Berkeley. For more info about Elizabeth: [www.studio1509fineart.com](http://www.studio1509fineart.com). 510-848-1228. Wednesday - Friday, 1-6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ **UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive**, 2626 Bancroft Way, near UC campus, continues its 34th annual UC Berkeley Master of Fine Arts Graduate exhibition through Aug. 29. Gallery Hours: Wednesday to Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: general admission \$8; seniors and students 12 to 18 years \$5; BAM/PFA members, UC Berkeley students, staff and faculty and children under 12 free. For more information, call 24-hour recorded message 510-642-0808.

■ **The Free Speech Movement Cafe** at the Moffitt Undergraduate Library, UC Berkeley presents "The Legacy of Social Protest — We Hold The Rock" an exhibition of the "Alcatraz Indian Occupation" featuring photographs by Ilka

Hartmann and Michelle Vignes. Text by Troy R. Johnson, PhD. Coordinated and curated by Harold Adler. Through September. The Free Speech Movement Cafe, Cafe is wheelchair accessible. This is the fourth exhibition in a series dealing with free speech, civil rights, and social protest movements of the '60s and '70s in California. Sponsored by the Bancroft Library.

### Film/dance/stage

■ **Stage Door Conservatory** presents 25 talented local teenage actors performing "Annie" Aug. 13, 14 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are sliding scale: Adult: \$15-20 (age 21-64); child: \$7.50-15 (age 3-14); student: \$10-15 (under 21); senior: \$10-15 (over 65). Tickets available at the door.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre**, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, presents "My Fair Lady" Lerner and Loew's "lovely" musical based on Shaw's "Pygmalion," through Aug. 14 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and selected Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$12-20. Contra Costa Civic Theatre, (510) 524-9132. [www.cctc.org](http://www.cctc.org).

■ **Malathi yengar and Rangoli Dance Company** presents **Sacred Geometry and Dances of India** at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley, Monday, Aug. 1, at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$12 general, \$20 donor. 925-798-1300.

■ **Learn easy International folk dances**, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kalins Ave. No experience needed. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2, Kids \$1. 525-1130.

■ **Friday Night Folk Dancing**: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kalins Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

■ **Family Folkdancing** takes place the third Sunday, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Details: 632-3713.

■ **Swing Dance Classes!** Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. Details: Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

### Health

■ **YWCA Health and Community Education**; drop in classes in **dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts** and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

### Literary events

■ **Live readings of short fiction: Actors Reading Writers**: Celebrating Writing through Live Readings: "America at War," a story by Tim O'Brien and letters from Andrew Carroll's book, "War Letters." Monday, Aug. 2, 7:30pm at Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. between Telegraph and Ellsworth. Free and open to the public.

### Meetings/lectures

■ **Ecology Center**, 2530 San Pablo Ave, hosts a free discussion on **Who Owns Water?** Protecting the World's Water from Corporate Takeover on Thursday, Aug. 19, from 7-9 p.m. With Juliette Beck and John Gibling of Public Citizen's Water for All Campaign. 510-548-2220, ext. 233.

■ **One Lively Evening With Paul Krugman**, in conversation with Larry Bensky, takes place Friday, Aug. 13 at 8 p.m. at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, 1781 Rose St., Berkeley. Tickets: \$15 advance, \$20 door. Details and tickets: 510-848-6767, ext. 511 or [www.kpia.org](http://www.kpia.org), or available at East Bay independent bookstores: Black Oak, Cody's (both stores), Diesel a Bookstore, Global Exchange Store, Pegasus (both stores), Pendragon, Walden Pond. Krugman, Professor of economics and international affairs at Princeton University, writes a column that appears twice a week in the The New York Times. It is the first regular Op-Ed column devoted to economics, business and finance.

■ **"Spirituality in Daily Life"** by Arnaud Maitland, an introduction to various methods to apply to bring a sense of spirituality into daily life, takes place Saturday, Aug. 21, 3 p.m. at Dharma Publishing, 1910 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Aspects include: Caring for ourselves and the environments we live in; Bringing out the best in us and in others and overcoming difficulties; Living a life that is worthwhile now and in retrospective. Admission: suggested donation for the lecture is \$10.

### Miscellany

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■ **State Health Toastmasters** meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10-1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

■ **Higher Alignment**; 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 415-461-5337; \$20.

■ **Overeaters Anonymous**, a 12-step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

■ **TOPS**; 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage Ave. at Marin, Mary, 522-3711.

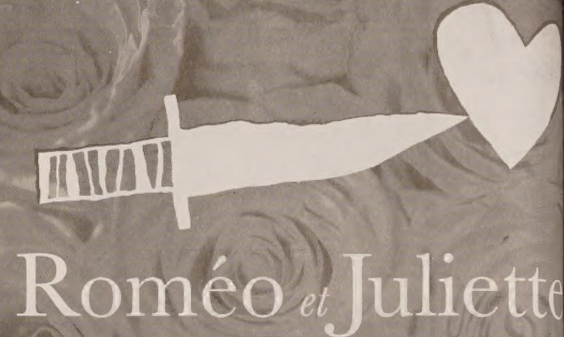
## MUSIC

■ **King David String Ensemble** performs at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 7:30 p.m. The member ensemble, composed of students grants to Israel from the Union, is made up of the Jewish Union Orchestra. This performance is sent by Berkeley's Contra Costa Jewish Community Center. Tickets: \$15. Details: 925-833-1111.

■ **The Jazzschool**, 2020 Berkeley, presents vocal solo in a performance on Aug. 1, at 4:30 pm. Purchase tickets is highly recommended. Seats are held until paid. \$20 General Admission. Gray performs on August 1, at 4:30 pm. Purchase tickets recommended and seat performance time. \$18. \$15 students/seniors available at 510-845-5200.

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**THE BANCROFT HOTEL** is a superb example of a historic building that has been converted into a hotel. Designed in 1928 by Walter Steilberg, a protégé of Julia Morgan, the building was the College Women's Club. Now it is a small-scale 22-room hotel. The original ballroom with its original beamed and coffered ceilings, two large fireplaces, a raised stage and ornate chandeliers.

## From the Bay Area to the Back Bay

Unique hotels in the Bay and Boston

One of four parts of the first boutique hotel project in the East Bay, the North Berkeley. Now let's look at another example of a boutique hotel in the East Bay, the Beau Sky Hotel, on Durant Avenue in Berkeley's Southside neighborhood. The Beau Sky Hotel occupies an old building with a lot of history. According to its current owner, it was built in 1911, originally used as a boarding house for women attending the Business College in Berkeley.

The building is a rare East Bay example of a style that can best be described as Carpenter Greek Revival. This style of architecture was first used by working and middle class home builders east of the Mississippi River between about 1820 and 1860. It consists of essentially a row of wooden columns (often squared) across the facade, a flat roof, and a plain exterior covered in wood siding.

After a few decades, this building became a general boarding house, with a largely co-ed, student population. Then in the 1970s, it became a halfway house, for about 10 years. In 1985, it was converted into a hotel. At first it was called the Old Blue Hotel, then it became the

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### WALKING TOUR SUNDAY

Mark A. Wilson will be leading one of his architectural walking tours of the East Bay. The tour will be from 2 to 5 p.m. this Sunday, Aug. 1.

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### Real Estate Spotlight:

## Breathtaking, stunning bay views



**THE SMART AND SOPHISTICATED CONTEMPORARY HOME** at 7089 Norfolk Road, Berkeley, high in the Claremont Hills, was constructed twice. The owner had just moved in to his brand new home when it was lost in the Oakland fire of 1991. He immediately rebuilt and it was one of the first homes constructed after the fire.

Designed by architects Clemson and Clemson, the comfortable and stylish interior takes full advantage of the fabulous panoramic views of San Francisco, the bay and three bridges. Elegant terraces from two levels invite easy indoor and outdoor living and access to a spectacular mature garden below. Created by the owners, the garden has winding gravel paths and stone terraces among the lush plantings.

The interior has many extraordinary custom details including unusual granite counter tops and cherry wood cabinets in the kitchen. The fantastic master suite features a bath of marble and direct views of the Bay from the Jacuzzi. The masterful library/family room has walnut built-ins and surround sound. There are three bedrooms, three and one half baths plus extraordinary storage and workshop. Spectacular by day, dramatic by night, this home is fabulous.

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## Hard-money loans, predatory lending

■ A look at Section 32 of the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act

One of the more difficult loans to place today is a sub-prime, hard-money loan. In the early 1990s, there were horrible stories of low income and elderly homeowners losing their homes because they could not make their payments on high-interest mortgage loans made by unscrupulous lenders.

Lenders were accused of seeking out borrowers in drastic situations who had the least ability to repay the loans and then foreclosing and seizing title to the property well below market values, a practice known in the industry as "predatory lending."

It should be noted, however, that many private money lenders (sometimes known as hard-money lenders) were the only solution for some people in temporary financial straits.



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## Real Estate Focus:

## Three-level home in north Berkeley



IN THE NORTH BERKELEY HILLS, the fine property at 1071 Euclid Ave. has been completely remodeled from the foundation to the roof, while retaining the original charm and elegance of the 1920s.

A large and sunny home, it features four bedrooms, two baths and a family room. At the top of its three levels is the charming master bedroom suite with gabled windows, marble bathroom and walk-in closet. On the main level is the lovely living room with wood-beamed ceilings, a handsome fireplace and gleaming hardwood floors. The gourmet kitchen features quality cabinets, black granite counter tops, marble counter walls, professional grade appliances, under-counter wine cooler, island and breakfast area. Out through the kitchen is a garden with patios, a new deck, fountain and solar-powered lighting.

Downstairs is a spacious family room with hardwood floors and a fireplace, an office or hobby room, and the laundry room. This level also opens to another sunny patio area.

This exceptional property is located near the "Gourmet Ghettos" and Solano Avenue shopping areas, very close to the Berkeley Rose Garden, Tilden Regional Park, and the U.C. campus.

Price: \$1,100,000.

Agent: Todd Hodson, Marvin Gardens, 510-559-2915 or Todd@MarvinGardens.com.

## Helping octogenarian to get job

Number 93 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

Return from March 1995

Marge is our new friend. She's 80. She's great.

We met Marge because she was in charge of selling a duplex next door to her house. For 30 years she and the owner had been neighbors and friends. When he died, he willed his building 50-50 to Marge and to his tenant, Helen. Helen had lived there since 1941.

For a year or two after her friend died, Marge rented out his apartment and generally looked after things. Helen stayed where she'd always been except that now she didn't have to pay rent.

Then around Christmas time, Helen moved to Arizona to live with her niece. It was time to sell. Helen left the details to Marge.

Marge figured she could handle everything. She's the kind who always has. But it turned out to be quite a job. For one thing, when Helen went away she left behind most of her furniture, sort and box, wash and clean. She hired a painter to freshly coat the kitchen and living room. There was a lot to deal with. Some of Helen's things went to St. Vincent de Paul. A great deal was thrown away. A young couple just starting out got the dining room table and chairs and a chest of drawers.

It was a help that Marge had only to walk from her house next door to work. It would have been much harder for her otherwise. But Marge has always been a hard worker, used to getting things done. No matter what, she would have found a way. For weeks she devoted herself to the task of making the building ready to sell.

By the time we had found a buyer, she had dealt with most everything Helen had left behind except the full basement. When she looked closely, Marge realized there was more there than she had thought — boxes and furniture, tools and garden implements and supplies.

We told Marge we'd help her. "Oh, oh," she said, not unexpectedly. "You've already done enough." But we knew Marge would not hire anyone to help her. She would do it all — lifting, sorting, and carrying all of those things.

We didn't think that was right. And she did admit to us not long ago that she is a little slower than she used to be. Not much slower, but a little. We wanted to help her. Besides, we were curious about what was there, and we like being with Marge. She's a wonderfully good person, smart, funny, full of life. We said we'd be there the next morning. "Not too early," said Marge.

TARPOFF AND

We looked into it. It was truly a fascination to see one else has seen. It was a trouble to box and away. Helen must she'd use these things, then forgot them, or perhaps she had decided to skip them.

She'd saved wood and colored beach. Pine cones and seeds. Pictures and picture wire. For everyone in the hooks, buttons, and form. We couldn't many spoils of the war.

There were also ing supplies of eye ings to clean brass, porcelain and to stop up refrigerator paniers were labeled. We purchased them, then their cost on

See TARPOFF

## Wilson

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Victorian Hotel. No major alterations were done to the exterior during any of these renovations.

Investor Mark Buxton bought the building in 1991. He then proceeded to spend about 18 months renovating the interior into a boutique hotel, upscale yet affordable. An architect named Doug Beeler, from Livermore, created the blueprints for the interior remodeling.

The building was re-opened in early 1993 as a new boutique hotel under the name Beau Sky. Several significant changes were made by Mark Buxton to the arrangement and usage of the interior spaces, while the exterior remained intact.

A formal lobby was created near the entrance, where a game room had been before. What had been a coffee shop in the left side of the ground floor, was remodeled into an Italian pasta restaurant. And on the back of the ground floor, there had been a nightclub, which was operating illegally. Mark Buxton closed it down, and had it changed into a workshop and store room.

There are currently twenty rooms in the Beau Sky Hotel. They range in price from \$99 to \$129 per night. There are prints, photographs, and other artwork on the walls of the lobby, as well as in the rooms. Each room has modern decor, but retains the original high ceilings of the historic building.

In my next column, we will discuss the aesthetic tour-de-force that was created for the interiors of a newly completed boutique hotel project by Boston developer Mark Hagopian: the CharlesMark Hotel, near Copley Square.

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## Working toward a successful remodeling job

## ■ Choosing the right contractor makes all the difference

One of the most important steps you can take to ensure that your remodel is successful is to choose the right contractor. A good general contractor can ensure that your planned remodeling job gets done on time and within your budget.

A good contractor will not only give you a realistic timetable based on practical experience, he/she will find, hire and manage the qualified trade contractors needed for the job.

## ■ Choosing a contractor

How do you choose the right contractor? Here are some ques-

tions to ask any contractor you're considering hiring:

- How will the contractor review the scope of work (and the contract) with you before work begins?
- What will be included in the contract between you and the contractor?
- Will workers report to the job as scheduled and what advance notification is there if the schedule will change?
- How will the contractor minimize the impact of the remodeling on the household?
- What will be the defined work area?
- How will the crew respect and protect the landscaping, pets, etc.?
- What kind of regular contact is scheduled? Weekly meetings,

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notes, phone calls regarding job progress?

- How can the person responsible for the job be reached and when?
- How regularly will debris be removed?
- How will neighbors be protected from debris, noise, and traffic?
- Ask the contractor to give an example of a problem that occurred and how the contractor responded.

## The lead carpenter

What about the person who will actually be in your home running the project? This person is the company in your eyes; you may interact with this person more than anyone else.

Let's call this person the lead carpenter, as we do in our company. Some of the terms used by other companies for this position are project manager, supervisor or foreman. For the temporary protection work to the final items at the end of the job the lead carpenter makes you feel you hired the right company because of the concern for quality that he brings to the job.

- What qualities and skills should the lead carpenter have?

■ The lead carpenter must be trustworthy since he/she often will be in your house when you aren't.

■ The lead carpenter must have the skills to do high-quality work. A qualified lead carpenter does all his own craftwork well and helps coworkers do their best work.

■ The lead carpenter must be a good communicator and a great listener. Each item of work should be discussed with you and approved by you before it is built. You also

must feel comfortable discussing problems with the lead carpenter.

■ The lead carpenter not only must solve problems, but anticipate them and plan for their solution as part of the planning process.

## Getting referrals

The best way to find out if a contractor has what you need is to talk to people he/she has worked with. Ask for several referrals and contact them. There are some good questions to ask when you speak to people for whom your remodeling contractor has worked with in the past. Here are some questions to ask references:

- What were this contractor's strengths?
- Tell me about a problem that

## Are you planning to remodel your home?

## ■ Free seminar shows how to make it a success

WINANS CONSTRUCTION

If you or someone you know is considering a professional remodeling project on your home, "Your Remodel: How To Make It A Success," a free seminar at the Orinda Library Thursday evening, Aug. 12, should be your first stop. This two and one-half hour seminar will show you how to maximize the value and rewards of your project as well as minimize the frustration.

Paul Winans of Winans Construction, Inc. will cover such topics as pre-design and zoning, understanding the design process, tips for setting a realistic budget during a period of ever-increasing costs, choosing and working with a professional contractor and the specific steps you can take to ensure that your project is successful.

Winans Construction is a 26-year old firm specializing in residential remodeling in the East Bay. It has received numerous local and national awards including the highest recognition for quality achievement in the remodeling industry — the coveted National Remodeling Quality Gold Award. Co-owners Paul and Nina Winans are both National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) Certified Remodelers. Paul has given many seminars to homeowners over the past several years and writes the From the Ground Up column on remodeling for Hills Publications. You can visit the Winans Construction, Inc. website at [www.winconinc.com](http://www.winconinc.com).

The seminar will be held Thursday, Aug. 12 from 6:30 — 9 p.m. at the new Orinda Library, 24 Orinda Way in Orinda. Call 510-653-7288 to pre-register.

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and why the legislation to  
the consumer came about.  
led us to understand that  
private money lenders were  
change the consumer and  
the industry has strict  
when it comes to high  
cost loans.

Oct. 1, 1995, the Feds  
the "Home Ownership  
Protection Act", com-  
monly known as Section 32, an  
amendment to Regulation Z, Fed-  
eral Truth in Lending Law.

Section 32 affects certain resi-  
dential mortgage transactions and  
requires a lending disclosure  
that includes specific prohibi-  
tions on loans excluded  
from the act. These are purchase  
money loans, home equity lines  
of credit and loans on non-owner  
occupied dwellings.

Loans that qualify for disclo-  
sure under Section 32, there is  
information required in-  
cluding the borrower that merely  
they have received the  
disclosure or signed an applica-  
tion are not required to com-  
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disclosure must also spell  
out the lender will have a  
lien on the home and state  
what the borrower could  
lose if they don't pay the home and any money

put into it if the borrower does not  
meet the obligation under the  
loan. There are also loan specific  
disclosures required:

- On a fixed-rate loan, the APR (annual percentage rate) and the amount of the regular monthly payment under the terms of the loan (after any discount period if there is one).

- On a variable rate mortgage, the initial APR, the regular monthly payment (after any discount period if there is one), a statement that the interest rate may increase and the amount of the maximum monthly payment under the terms of the loan.

If the APR or the regular pay-  
ment amount changes prior to  
closing, and after the required  
disclosure has been made, a re-  
disclosure and an additional  
three-day waiting period (on top  
of the six-day mandatory waiting  
period — after signing the loan  
documents) is required.

There are two situations that  
will cause a specific loan to be  
subject to Section 32 disclosure  
and prohibition requirements. A  
loan will be subject to section 32  
if either situation occurs. Both sit-  
uations do not have to occur.

- Annual Percentage Rate. If the APR of the loan exceeds the Treasury rate by 10 percent in the same month that the application is taken. For example, if the Treasury security issue has a rate of 6.00 percent but the loan rate (APR) is 16.50 percent, which is 10.50 per-  
cent greater than the Treasury se-  
curity rate, then the loan would be  
subject to section 32.

- Points and Fees. Points and certain fees paid by the borrower, plus any compensation paid to the broker by the lender, must not exceed the greater of \$400 or 8 percent of the total loan amount.

As a practical matter, loans of  
\$5,000 or less are subject if ap-  
propriate points and fees exceed  
\$400. Loans in excess of \$5,000  
have to be measured by the 8  
percent rule. The majority of our  
private money lenders have a  
minimum loan requirement of  
\$50,000.

Points and fees included in the  
8 percent calculation include:

- Prepaid finance charges  
such as loan fees, points, origina-  
tion fees

- escrow fees
- maintenance fees
- application fees.

Fees not included in the 8 per-  
cent calculation:

- real estate closing costs,  
such as credit report fees, ap-  
praisal fees, title insurance fees,  
documentation preparation fees  
and recording fees

- credit insurance premiums,  
such as life and disability, paid to  
an affiliate

A loan subject to section 32  
may not have a balloon payment  
(all principal and interest due) of  
less than five years, may not have  
a prepayment penalty if the bor-  
rowers debt to income exceeds 50  
percent and if there is a prepay-  
ment penalty, it may not exceed  
five years. A prepayment penalty  
may not be collected if refinance  
with the same lender.

No negatively amortized loan  
products may be used and no  
prepaid loan payments can be  
"required" out of the loan pro-  
ceeds of more than two pay-  
ments. Section 32 will helpfully  
keep the predatory lenders from  
abusing the consumers who need  
the most protection. The penalties  
are stiff for noncompliance and  
enforcement is vigorous.

But in Oakland, more and  
more lenders who previously  
would lend under the section 32  
restrictions will no longer do so.  
But rather than let another Oak-  
lander suffer the abuses of "bad"  
lenders, the city of Oakland has  
enhanced the predatory lending  
laws, increased the penalties and  
added additional requirements  
making "doing business in Oak-  
land" too dangerous for lenders  
who were in the high risk lending  
business to begin with.

The bottom line is that protec-  
tion can be expensive.

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## Tarpoiff

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some she had taped instructions  
for their use. There was even a tiny  
glass jar labeled "cigar ashes"  
which I think are handy for remov-  
ing water rings from table tops.  
Quite a few of these products were  
dried up and useless. They dated  
back 40 years.

There were college yearbooks  
from the '30s, suit boxes filled with  
gift wrap, ribbons and pre-formed  
bows. Magazines and newspapers  
with historical headlines.

I guess everyone enjoys a trea-  
sure hunt. The three of us laughed  
and exclaimed and said, "What is  
this? Should we throw it away? Do  
you want it?"

It was fun. It was work. We were  
there all day sorting, making piles,

moving things around. We recycled  
much, took to Marge's house what  
she could use, made a new pile for  
St. Vincent de Paul.

We each got some of the Lysol  
and SOS pads. I got a big yellow  
bowl and lots of pretty sea shells.  
Anet got a patchwork quilt. She also  
wanted the Life magazines and the  
newspapers, but decided against  
the pile of National Geographic.

I was surprised that we found no  
clothes, no books, no boxes of can-  
celed checks — all of these are in  
boxes in my own basement. I guess  
everyone saves different things. But  
we could hardly wait to see what  
was in the next box, and that was  
the fun. Someday someone will be  
cleaning out my things. I hope who-  
ever it is enjoys discovering what I  
have saved.

Marge said she didn't need any  
more flower pots, so I got them. We  
divided between us the African violet

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food and the rose sprays. We'll use  
them on our own gardens. We walked  
the rest of the fertilizers outside and  
applied them directly to the plants.

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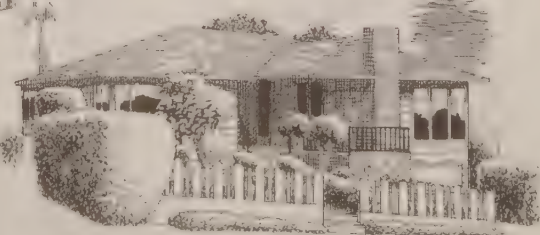
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# Reclaim your two-car territory, minus the mess

BY ALAN J. HEAVENS  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

You've probably seen the commercial: A couple, looking exhausted, stand in their relatively empty garage, pleased they can fit a car inside again. Then they head to their kitchen, to debate the merits of canned soup.

**The fantasy:** Folks argue over soup.

**The reality:** There's a world full of messy garages out there.

People would "really like to fit their cars in the garage," said Mike Franks, director of strategic planning for O'Sullivan Furniture in Lamar, Mo., which makes Tuff Duty garage-storage equipment for Coleman. "But not that many can do it, because of all the clutter."

The garage is used "as a drop-off point on the way to somewhere else in the house, because it is the closest open space," said Leslie Robison, who tackles other people's clutter through Simple Systems Organizing, a consulting company based in Green Lane, Pa.

"Then the garages end up stuffed, and they can't figure out why."

"Getting rid of a percentage of what's in the garage, even if it means filling a dumpster, is a crucial first step to getting it organized,"

Robison said. "It's hard to do."

Clutter has plagued garages pretty much as long as there have been garages. Since only the rich could afford the first automobiles, horses moved over in the stable or carriage house so cars could move in.

The word "garage," which the dictionary says entered the language around 1902, comes from the French verb "garer," "to dock." When the middle class started getting behind the wheel, narrow garages were built in the alleys behind their row houses, so cars could be "docked" there.

At first, there was no attempt to blend garage and house. But the post-World War II building boom changed that. A mass-produced house in Levittown, N.Y., in 1947 cost \$7,000. It came with a garage attached, because houses were being built on smaller lots to keep down costs.

By 1990, the two-car garage was standard in 55 percent of American homes, census figures show. By 1995, 76 percent of new homes had at least a two-car garage.

These days, garage organization products are among the fastest-growing segments of the white-hot home organization market. Franks

said his company, O'Sullivan, spent a couple of years looking at garages after a survey showed that de-cluttering and organizing them was a high priority among homeowners.

"It's the most underserved market at the retail level," he said. "What we found was that the same generic storage systems used in other areas of the house, other than tool systems, were being used in the garage."

More and more manufacturers have gotten into the garage game, sharing their organizing wondrous with the world through stores such as Home Depot, Lowe's and Sears. Some companies, such as ClosetMaid (www.closetmaid.com), offer advice and storage plans on their Web sites.

Stanley Works' ZAG division has come up with a garage workshop storage system consisting of modular cabinets and shelves made of resin and galvanized metal, coated with a powder-coat paint to make them rust- and stain-resistant.

The shelves can be put into and between cabinets and can hold up to 100 pounds. The cabinets' outer surfaces are lined with pegboards for additional hooks for tool storage. There are also plenty of drawers.

Stanley spokesman Eric Mon-



**IF CLUTTER HAS OVERRUN** your garage inventive ideas abound for reclaiming the space. Items as cabinets, hangers and storage bins.

tague said the product "is rolling out in greater numbers every day." The units range from \$80 to \$100, the pegboard for inside the cabinet doors is about \$15, a "smart shelf" with power tool slots costs \$10, and heavy-duty wheels to make the system mobile run about \$15.

In the third quarter of 2003, the company test-marketed a new line of customized hooks, brackets and metal racks designed to hold equipment for 10 or 12 specific activities, such as fishing, biking or golf.

"The golf product (\$20 to \$35 retail), which is a metal bracket nailed into a stud, holds two golf bags, balls and related equipment," Montague said. "Two or three of them can simplify your life, because you have everything you need in one place."

One technique for organizing is "to view the area as a series of systems," said Mike Young, Sears Craftsman tool-storage buyer. "Most projects are tackled in steps. If the garage is designed the same way, the homeowner moves from one station to the next, while maximizing time and productivity."

For example, if a mechanic sized up an 18-foot wall, he might use that area most effectively to store a chest and a roll-away unit loaded with hand and portable power tools; a compressor with easy access to air tools for installing, sanding, spraying or disassembling parts; a workbench for tabletop activity and construction projects; and a vertical cabinet to store cleaners, extension cords, trouble lights, and other essentials.

Sears is test-marketing Craftsman garage storage systems in 20 cities, including Chicago and Minneapolis, Young said.

Walls and ceilings are being underused in garages, organization expert Leslie Robison added.

"A lot of the clutter — bicycles, lumber and garden tools — can be hung on wall hooks or on the ceiling," she said. "Like things should be placed together, such as tools, which tend to be scattered all over the place."

In its research, O'Sullivan discovered that the typical garage

owner was willing to spend less than \$1,000 for a garage-organization system, Franks said.

Whirlpool must have talked to another set of focus groups, because the cost of its complete Gladiator GarageWorks system, which includes a refrigerator, flirts with \$10,000.

The Gladiator components include mobile chest cabinets for your tools; a large workbench with optional full-length power strip; lockers and tall cabinets; and a trash compactor. Its GearWall panels provide the necessary storage space for your lawn and garden tools, ladders, wheelbarrow, lawn spreader, and other bulky items. Baskets, hooks and shelves attach to the panels.

O'Sullivan's research gave it a fairly good idea of how garages are used, Franks said, and the findings were enlightening.

"Uses are diverse, to say the least. Garages are both project centers and storage centers, formerly a male domain centering on the automobile but now used equally by men and women, since women have begun to dominate outdoor-related tasks such as gardening."

The garage is much more useful for storage than the basement, he said, "because it is typically on the same level as the rest of the house."

But garages come with their own set of problems because they are part of a "non-climate-controlled world," he said.

With the components O'Sullivan made for Coleman, "we chose finishes that were 100 percent plastic resin that would survive in high humidity," Franks said.

"Since garage floors have condensation problems, the pieces sit on legs so that they don't come into contact with the floors."

Since garage floors allow water to drain off, components are self-leveling.

The system includes three-drawer base cabinets when put together, can be bench top; a pegboard power access and base cabinets; and floor storage.

Once you have designed your garage, you should be inviting, Robison said, good lighting, and a really make it a fun place. CD player, as well.

"The garage has a chance of getting cluttered, said, 'if you make it a joyable space.'"

**The safe garage**

Use or install deadbolts (high deadbolts or flip-top vent toddlers or young gaining access).

Install an alarm on the garage door. When it is left open for more than 30 seconds — an inexpensive way to know when you may have wandered into the garage.

Use electrical outlets you would in other parts of the house and disconnect when they are not in use.

Store ladders in a position, so a child cannot reach them. Properly dispose of flammable materials such as newspapers and magazines, clothing, and soiled.

The safest storage is in an outdoor shelter detached from the house. Store gasoline only in approved containers and keep it away from water heaters. Also, keep potentially hazardous items in their original containers.

Source: Lowe's Sales

## Undesirable neighbors crash real estate prices

■ Researcher proposes new model for land use, home-price impacts

BY GLENN ROBERTS JR.  
NMAN NEWS

Stephen F. Thode is working on a better model to quantify the drop in home prices that is directly related to homeowners' most undesirable neighbors, such as landfills and airports. Thode, director of the Murray H. Goodman Center for Real Estate Studies at Lehigh University, said that existing models on the price impacts of locally undesirable land uses, or LULUs, tend to focus on a single LULU rather than multiple LULUs.

"It is highly probably that LULUs are clustered, as in the case of an industrial zone that contains, say, a chemical plant, a sewage treatment facility and a landfill adjacent to one another. A (standard) model that identifies only one of these LULUs will then attribute the entire observed nearby housing price impact to that LULU alone," Thode noted in the research paper, "Housing Price Modeling in the Presence of Multiple LULUs."

Thode defines the zone of price impacts as the "stigma zone," and this zone is generally defined by the area in which homeowners can see, smell and/or hear a LULU or LULUs.

Many landfill operators forge agreements with area homeowners to compensate them for any depreciation in home prices related to their homes' proximity to the landfill. Thode also stated, and many regulatory agencies "routinely require certain LULUs to pay ongoing peripheral impact fees to local governments which are designed, in part, to compensate nearby homeowners for the presumed loss in property values due to the presence of those LULUs."

But some LULUs may slip under the radar of homeowners and regulatory agencies because of other, high-profile LULUs that may draw a larger share of attention, Thode said. He referred to these overlooked LULUs as "free riders."

"The tendency may be to go after those (LULUs) who are deep pockets. Others become free riders. They are kind of like the leech hanging off the side of the fish. That's not a good thing," Thode said. He said that an aim of his model is to share the price impacts among all of the LULUs in a given area, proportional to the degree of impact for each LULU.

The research could assist LULUs that are attempting to gauge community impacts, could help identify how LULUs affect home prices and which LULUs seem to have the greatest impacts on home prices, and could help ap-

Existing models on the price impacts of locally undesirable land uses, or LULUs, tend to focus on a single LULU rather than multiple LULUs.

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praisers to identify property values when multiple LULUs are present, Thode said.

"In particular, the way I'm trying to approach this: You own a home near an undesirable land use and you believe you have suffered some economic harm as a result of that," Thode said. "The value of the home is less than you thought it would be if that undesirable land use was not there. You want some compensation for this diminished value."

An effective model should account for price impacts of LULUs based on current prices of homes near LULUs in comparison to homes that are not near LULUs, but a better model should also account for trends in housing

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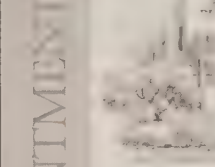
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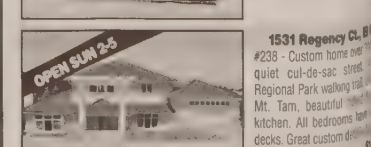
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An annual meeting with your financial consultant to discuss your asset allocation may be the best way to ensure your financial plan is always up to date and in sync with your current lifestyle and goals.

tax return and your trust, will and other estate planning documents. In addition, during this data-gathering phase, you should keep in mind any assets you may have in custodial accounts, IRAs and real estate. Your financial consultant should then be able to help you develop a plan that helps meet your needs. He or she will present their ideas to you and discuss the many aspects of it with you. During the presentation of your plan, make sure you understand all the pieces of it and feel comfortable with his or her suggestions.

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## LULUs

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prices through time, Thode stated in his research paper. "Indeed, it may be the case that the house sold at a relative discount prior to the development of the undesirable land use in question. In such a circumstance, one may reach the conclusion that the undesirable land use has caused no economic harm to the owners of that particular home," according to the report. "Moreover, if the current homeowner purchased the home subsequent to the development of the undesirable land use, that purchase was with the full knowledge of the existence of that undesirable land use. The claim of economic harm becomes problematic at best." For the purpose of simplifying the research, Thode said he considers LULUs to be those nearby land uses that are considered undesirable to most homeowners. He said he hopes to test new models for LULUs' price impacts by comparing areas in which there are multiple LULUs to areas in which there is only one LULU. Results will likely be "very geographic specific," he said, and he plans to examine data from different areas of the country.

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## The unmarried penalty

Singles face significant financial disadvantages. Even though marriage and family rates are at their lowest in history, an estimated 85 percent of Americans will marry at least once in their lives. However, if you live to the age of 70, you will spend more than 86 million adults in America are unmarried, making about half of all households. 35 percent of employees and 35 percent of voters. Yet unmarried people face significant financial disadvantages, according to the American Association for Single People and the Lesbian & Gay Immigration Rights Task Force. There are some of the "penalties" you could be facing if you are single or if you and your partner are not legally wed. Fewer job benefits. Companies subsidize benefits for employees' spouses and kids. Unmarried workers are not compensated in another form to

make up the difference. Furthermore, benefits for spouses are tax-free. On the other hand, for domestic partners, benefits are taxed, if they even exist. Higher unemployment but lower social security and unemployment benefits. Unemployment for unmarried people with children under 18 was 9.1 percent in 2002. It was only 3.8 percent for married workers with kids. Many married people can collect unemployment benefits if they quit their job to move in with a relocated spouse, but domestic partners can't. Everyone pays taxes, but surviving spouses can collect half of a deceased worker's benefits, whereas domestic partners cannot collect anything. Social Security benefits, which in some cases can be tapped by a surviving spouse, are essentially untouchable by a surviving domestic partner. Higher taxes, no estate-tax breaks and transfer taxes. Unmarried partners can't file joint returns and receive smaller capital-gains breaks when they sell



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their homes. Married people can leave spouses everything, tax-free. But estates of unmarried couples worth more than \$675,000 are taxed at 25 percent to 60 percent. Furthermore, transfers of property to a spouse are not taxable, while transfers to domestic partners are. Fewer family discounts. Most country clubs, health clubs and auto clubs allow a spouse to join free or to take advantage of a discount. Unmarried partners must pay for two memberships and cannot use family discounts. No victim's rights protection or marital status redlining. If a drunk driver kills a married person, the surviving spouse can sue for wrongful death. Unmarried surviving partners have no legal recourse whatsoever. In addition, many insurance

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## Single

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companies generally put married drivers into a low-risk category and unmarried drivers in a high-risk category.

**Credit and housing discrimination.** Unmarried joint applicants are sometimes offered credit on less favorable terms than their

married counterparts. Many states do not ban marital status discrimination in rental housing, allowing landlords to refuse to rent to unmarried tenants.

**Lack of citizenship rights.** Fifteen countries recognize same-sex couples for immigration. However, U.S. citizens in relationships with same-sex foreigners cannot sponsor their partners.

**Moving forward.** Although unmarried people may face these fi-

nancial challenges, there are many signs of hope for singles and domestic partners. Corporate America is starting to revise its marriage-centric policies, re-examining everything from subsidized spousal health care to extended family benefits and allowing employees to add a qualified adult household member to their health plans — be it a domestic partner, extended family

member or grown child.

A bill also is pending in Congress that would make benefits for household members and domestic partners tax-free, just as they are for spouses. Another would mandate that the federal government offer health benefits to domestic partners.

**Get help.** When it comes to these and other important financial issues, your best course of

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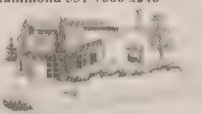
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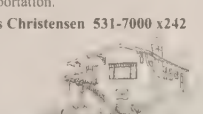
Antoine Pirson 531-7000 x270



**4335 EVERETT AVENUE \$719,000**

**Glenview.** Beauty! This Spanish Mediterranean is magnificent! It has 4BD/3BA & a very spacious fam. rm. Its character has been retained over the years. The updated kitchen opens to the deck & yard perfect for entertaining or play.

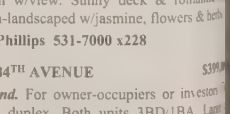
Nancy Novick 531-7000 x254



**3452 COOLIDGE AVENUE \$469,000**

**Fruitvale.** Comfy, sunny 3BD/1BA. Updated eat-in kitchen, new appliances. Formal dining room w/built-ins. Family room w/fplc. Patio-backyard. Detached garage. Come See!

Anne Manley 531-7000 x277



**1165 84TH AVENUE \$399,000**

**Oakland.** For owner-occupiers or investors! roomy duplex. Both units 3BD/1BA. Large Good income producer.

Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246



**6350 CONTRA COSTA \$849,000**

**Upper Rockridge.** Incredible value in Oakland Hills for this 3200 sq. ft. 6-year new home! High ceilings with light-filled rooms. Vibrant open floor plan. Immaculate throughout. Lake Temescal and partial bay views.

Pedram Karbassi 531-7000 x290



**SOPHISTICATED MID-CENTURY... \$959,000**

**Montclair-Piedmont Side.** ...with grand-sized rooms and sweeping water views. Three bedrooms, three full baths, updated granite kit., huge rumpus with fireplace, utility room and workshop. Most prestigious street.

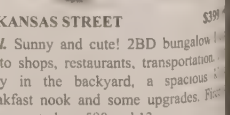
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**CHARMING TRADITIONAL \$469,000**

**Glenview.** Built in 1913, this charming traditional is close to shops, restaurants and schools. The 4BD/3BA and 2 bonus rooms offer ample room for work and play. The home has been tastefully updated, keeping its original character in mind. There are also 3 decks overlooking an incredible landscaped yard with numerous fruit trees and native plants

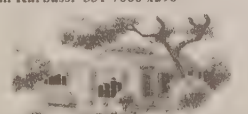
Chris or Nancy 531-7000 x254



**3251 KANSAS STREET \$399,000**

**Laurel.** Sunny and cute! 2BD bungalow close to shops, restaurants, transportation, privacy in the backyard, a spacious w/breakfast nook and some upgrades. Floor to ceiling windows.

Heidi Tuggle 531-7000 x286



**2386 LEIMERT BLVD. \$799,000**

**Oakmore Upper.** Lovely, updated 1936 Upper Oakmore 3BD, 3BA beauty w/fabulous new kitchen, new master bath, formal dining room, family room, rumpus, sun room. Charming living room w/vaulted, beamed ceiling & stone fireplace. New 50 year roof, w/copper gutters. Sunny & bright, nestled among oaks in a lovely setting. Montclair schools.

Don Dunning 531-7000 x239

**STRIKING AND DRAMATIC \$925,000**

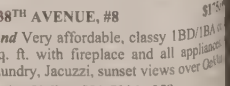
**Oakland.** Marvelous 90's contemporary with serene views of Thornhill canyon. Oversized rooms accented with expansive windows and lots of natural wood. 3BD/2.5BA, huge eat-in kitchen, family room, formal dining room, home office and more.

Mary Neuberger 531-7000 x251

**FABULOUS MID-THIRTIES TRADITIONAL! \$469,000**

**Maxwell Park.** Spacious 3BD/1BA, split-level floor plan, sunny living room and dining room with view of hills, gorgeous random plank hardwood floors, built-in cabinets, extra-large lot with expansion potential or gardener's paradise!

Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228



**2868 38TH AVENUE, #8 \$175,000**

**Oakland.** Very affordable, classy 1BD/1BA w/737 sq. ft. with fireplace and all appliances, unit laundry, Jacuzzi, sunset views over Oakland.

Catherine Vallee 531-7006 x258

**COMING SOON**

**Glenview.** Three bedroom Craftsman style shops and restaurants. This home has so much of its original character and charm. Recently painted in and out, refinished hardwood floors.

Chris or Nancy 531-7000 x254



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## A look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

### FOR THE PUBLIC

#### Now Hiring

The Oakland Association of Realtors is seeking a membership coordinator. Do you have a customer service background? How's your phone etiquette and computer skills. Familiarity with Internet based software, written and verbal English communication skills are essential. Send resume, cover letter and salary requirements via e-mail to jobs@oar.org or via fax to 510-272-0661.

#### Memories

The public is always welcome at the Inform Meeting, sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 10. The location is the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda. The Inform is dedicated to helping realtors stay informed about the real estate market, the community and issues that affect the economy. Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings for presentation to the group. Don't forget, you'll improve your memory. For more information contact Kristin McMahan of AAR at 510-523-7229.

#### Workshop

Attend "How To Buy Your First Home In Oakland" in the Montclair district of Oakland. This free seminar is from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 7, at Montclair Better Homes on Mountain Boulevard. Get the information needed to have an edge over other buyers. Enjoy snacks and prizes. RSVP by calling at 510-339-4284.

#### Investors

Investors and landlords are invited to attend a two-part real estate investing seminar. The topics of "Selling Real Estate Today" and "Inside Secrets of Mortgages" will be presented 7 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 3. For tuition information call 510-339-9014.

#### One Stop

Consumers can get one-stop service on the Prudential California Realty website. You can be pre-approved for a loan, obtain relocation help and get selling tips. Check it out at [www.PruRealty.com](http://www.PruRealty.com).

#### Meyers

Step back in time, at The Meyers House & Garden, an 1897 treasure. It was designed by Henry H. Meyers in the Colonial Revival style,



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a period that was popular in Alameda at the turn of the century. The Meyers family maintained possession of the home for almost one hundred years. This home has become Alameda's first and only house museum. Visit the house on the fourth Saturday of the month, 1 to 4 p.m., call for House Tours costs and information at 510-521-1247.

#### Education

In order to help Hispanic consumers the Freddie Mac credit-education program is now bilingual. CreditSmart Espanol helps build and maintain good credit. The program's curriculum is designed to increase financial literacy, by providing life-long money management skills. It presents information about credit, including management, history and lenders. The CreditSmart program teaches how credit impacts the ability to achieve financial goals. Check out the curriculum at [www.freddiemac.com](http://www.freddiemac.com).

#### TASK FORCE

The Oakland Association of Realtors continues to help support the Oral Lee Brown Foundation. The foundation provides college scholarship funds for Oakland high school students. A task force was formed to create a simple and easy way for those in the real estate community to contribute. Real estate agents and brokers are invited to designate contributions, at the close of escrow, for a special fund. This year's chairperson is Kim Cleghorn of RE/Max Executive in Berkeley. The goal for 2004 is \$50,000. All donations are welcome. To find out more contact OAR at 510-836-3000.

#### MUSIC ZOO

Mark those calendars for Sept. 24, the date for the Oakland Association of Realtors' "Music Under

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**3216 FIR AVE.**  
Outstanding 4BD/2.5BA townhome in Island City! Many upgrades!  
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**CASTRO VALLEY**  
4419 EWING RD.  
4BD/3.5BA Elegant home w/many upgrades. Single level. Approx. 3500 sq. ft. Lot size approx. 14,920 sq. ft.  
\$975,000

**SAN LEANDRO**  
BRAND NEW LISTING:  
14009 SEAGATE DRIVE  
3BD/2.5BA. Largest model at Marina Seagate. 2-car attached garage.  
\$465,000

**13917 SEAGATE DRIVE**  
3BD/2.5BA. 2-story townhouse style.  
\$427,000

**14271 SEAGATE DRIVE**  
2BD/1.5BA. 1-story bungalow style.  
\$319,000

### OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

**EL SOBRANTE**  
1041 Trailside Dr.  
4 bed/2 bath.  
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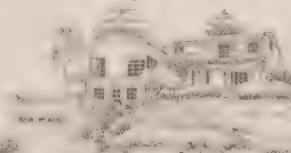
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OPEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2-4:30PM  
6068 Margarido Drive



This pretty Bay view 3+BR/2BA Monterey Colonial has been nicely updated by the current owners without disturbing the original details & charm. Many special features include: an inviting entry, living room that is crowned with beamed ceiling, master BR with charming balcony, large family room with level out patio plus landscaped gardens & patios.



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OPEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2-4:30PM



**6460 Shelterwood Drive, Oakland**  
Spacious, architecturally exciting contemporary in wooded setting. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Family room w/wood burning stove. Formal dining room. Eat-in kitchen. 2 lofts. Hot tub. Level garden area. 2-car garage. Recently updated.



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ASSOCIATE BROKER  
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**6822 Exeter Drive, Oakland**

A combination of pristine, private San Francisco bay and hill views and immaculate elegance are offered here in this warm, contemporary home built in 1989. The architecture focuses on the stunning living room and sumptuous master suite.

• 3 Bedrooms • 2.5 Baths • Kitchen/Family Room Combination  
• 3 Fireplaces • 3 Decks • Level Entry • 2 Car Garage

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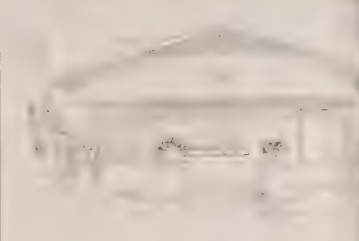
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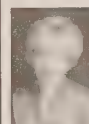


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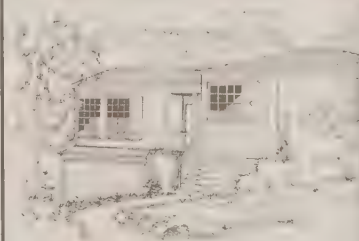
**3801 Maple Avenue, Oakland**  
Adorable Laurel bungalow! Enjoy beautiful hardwood floors, a charming fireplace bordered by built-in bookcases and a living room with built-ins in this spacious home.  
• 2 Bedrooms • Plus room • 1 Bath



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OPEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2-4:30PM



**15 Southwood Court, Oakland**  
Charming and stylish in Montclair! Wonderful 3 bedroom home beautifully updated with quality materials. New formal living room and dining room plus a bonus room. Located in a tranquil cul-de-sac, yet close to Montclair.



Offered at \$725,000

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NEW LISTING IN BUDWOOD HILLS

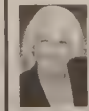
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**66 Gregory Place, Oakland**

Lovely ranch style home at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac in desirable Redwood Heights. Features 4+ BR/2 BA, attic space. The living room and adjoining dining room are bright with good sun exposure. Deep rear yard has a great feeling with space for gardening. Patio and detached garage.

Offered at \$619,500 "as-is"



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#### COMPLETING INSPECTION REPAIRS

When you sell a house, the buyers will probably schedule a home inspection before they are contractually obligated to purchase the home. If the inspector finds areas that need attention or repair, the buyers may produce a list of items they are concerned about, and may want to discuss some of the major problems with you as a condition for moving forward on the sale.

When you get the buyers' list, remember that some of the items may be negotiable, and some buyers may make requests that go beyond the normal obligations of the seller. One of your options as a seller is to negotiate a credit to the buyer placing the task of making the repairs on them. They may ask for a new roof or certain structural repairs that you may not want to make. Your agent can help you to assess the risks of just saying "no" to buyers who are making demands you consider unreasonable. Usually compromise is the best approach.

If you just decline the requests, the buyers may back out of the deal. It's usually best to handle the needed repairs now, because the next buyer will probably have the same concerns. When you agree to make repairs, hire licensed professionals who will back up their work and give copies of the receipts to the buyers. Arrange to have the repairs made as far ahead of time as possible to avoid last-minute complications that could compromise the transaction.

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event is Sept. 29. Get information by calling 510-836-3000.

### BEAR FUN

The Bay East Association of Realtors is sponsoring the SF Bay Area Realtor Associations Picnic & Day at PGA, August 28. All members from any association can participate

in the Great America fun. Besides all the rides, and a meal, discounted tickets and parking are offered. Contact Susan at 925-730-4077.

### VALVA INVITE

Bob Valva of Valva Realty invites Oakland real estate brokers to attend the Oakland Realtors Commercial & Industrial Brokers Com-

mittee. According to Valva the group was appointed years ago, by the Oakland mayor to facilitate city sales and leasing. The committee's purpose is to help build Oakland. The next meeting is Thursday, Aug. 12, at the OAR Auditorium on Web-

ster. If you would like to attend call Valva at 510-451-7317.

### COACH COLE

Veteran coach and trainer Kitty Cole offers several classes for Realtors. You can get the listing, han-

die buyers and gain presentation skills. Classes are offered in Berkeley, Pleasanton and Fremont. Register for August classes by calling 925-254-1900 or www.kittybiz.com.

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Offering in Coveted Claremont Court~ Open Sunday, 2-4:30 pm  
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In 1909, this gracious traditional home is located across from Monkey Island Park in one of Berkeley's most sought after neighborhoods. Designed by architect George T. Plowman, partnered with John Hudson Thomas, this home has been beautifully maintained.  
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OPEN SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2-5PM



Classic 1950's rancher in private, sun-drenched, 2/3+ acre setting with solar-heated pool, lush lawns, mature landscaping and peek-of-the-bay views. Designer's 4+ bedroom, 3+ bath home with fieldstone fireplaces and vaulted ceilings in living room, dining room and family room. Top finishes and fixtures in kitchen and baths.

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### Open Sunday

**MONTCLAIR \$1,795,000**  
TAURUS AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Exquisite bay views from luxurious home. Approximately 4500 sq. ft. of flexible living; large lot. Call Bonnie Hirsch x1337

**MONTCLAIR \$1,525,000**  
BROADWAY TERR. (Open 2-4:30)  
Spectacular sunsets & 3-bridge views. Fantastic 4+BR/4.5BA contemporary. Master kitchen, library, secluded backyard. David Ichikawa x1331

**OAKLAND HILLS \$1,350,000**  
KALAMATH ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
The latest Perkins/Lee creation. 4BR/4.5BA contemporary w/fabulous bay views. Masterfully designed built-in cabinetry. David Ichikawa x1331

**QUOYAH HEIGHTS \$1,350,000**  
OAK HILL RD. (Open 2-5)  
Rancher in magnificent setting w/ spectacular views. Refurbished throughout. 4BR/4.5BA. Beautifully updated kit, master baths. Lorri Arazi x1330

**BERKELEY \$1,325,000**  
CLAREMONT BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Gracious 4+BR/3BA on coveted Claremont Court. Big kitchen & family room open to large level yard. Finished basement. Leslie Easterday x1363

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$995,000**  
MARGARITO AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Clarming Bay View 3+BR/2BA rancher. Large family room w/level out. Separate dining & breakfast rooms, full kitchen w/laundry. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

**GRAND LAKE \$989,000**  
SCOTT ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
Hardwood floors, individual garages, custom details. Individual basement w/laundry. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

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### Open Sunday

**MONTCLAIR \$989,000**  
6822 EXETER DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Pristine views of San Francisco Bay. Montclair Hills 3BR/2.5BA home. Kitchen/family room combo, sumptuous master suite. Donna Costella x1355

**MONTCLAIR \$799,000**  
6460 SHELTERWOOD DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
Architecturally exciting 3+BR/2.5BA contemp in wooded setting. FDR, eat-in kit. Garden area, deck & hot tub. Recently updated. Wendy Gardner-Ferrari x1303

**LEONA HEIGHTS \$799,000**  
5230 LEONA ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
Fabulous 1-story custom home built in 2003. 3BR/2BA. Luxurious master suite. Open floor plan w/high quality kitchen & exceptional outdoor space. Cindy Houts x1364

**MONTCLAIR \$725,000**  
15 SOUTHWOOD CT. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Charm and style. Beautifully updated 3BR/3BA home with newer kitchen, formal living & dining rooms plus home office. Nancy Moore x1302

### Open Sunday

**MONTCLAIR \$695,000**  
8040 SHEPHERD CANYON RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Charming 3BR/2BA home in private setting. Office/4th bedroom, family room w/ wet bar. Attached garage. Close to Regional Parks. Sandi Klemmer x1314

**OAKLAND HILLS \$629,000**  
4100 MALCOLM AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Sunny 2BR/2BA traditional with wonderful family room. Extensively remodeled. Beautiful landscaped private yard with fish pond. Dick Cohen x1308

**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$619,500**  
66 GREGORY PL. (Open 2-4:30)  
Lovely 5BR/2BA Ranch style home. Spacious living rm w/adjoining dining room. Private woody feeling with space for gardening. Diane Earl McCan x1352

**NORTH OAKLAND \$599,000**  
671 AILEEN ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
Large & architecturally interesting triplex w/finished garage space. Great location convenient to Rockridge, freeways & the Berkeley Bowl. Tom Nemeth x1381

**GLENVIEW \$595,000**  
3828 WOODRUFF AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Stylish 1920's bungalow with period details. 3BR/1BA, eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, hardwood floors. Melitta Beeson x1383

**SAN LEANDRO \$595,000**  
900 LEE AVE. (Open 1-4)  
Classic Spanish Mediterranean 2+BR/1BA. Meticulously remodeled. Features a gourmet kitchen & state-of-the-art walk-in wine cellar. Madalyn Mitchell x1385

### Open Sunday

**GLENVIEW \$549,000**  
3840 BEAUMONT AVE. (Open 2-5)  
New listing! Wonderful architectural details, private hot tub deck, landscaped yard w/fruit trees. Two blocks to popular cafes & shops. Easy access to commutes! 2BR/1BA. Christian Downer x1340

**ALBANY \$499,000**  
1037 CORNELL AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Nest here. 3BR/2BA near Solano Ave. conveniences. Tom Nemeth x1381

**BERKELEY \$499,000**  
1829 63RD ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Spacious 3BR/2BA on quiet street. Large living and dining rooms. Beautiful fireplace. Tom Nemeth x1381

**UPPER DIMOND \$449,000**  
3917 WHITTLE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Adorable storybook cottage in a lush creekside setting. Spacious 2BR/1BA. Corner fireplace, hrdwd floors, Wedgewood stove. Great location. Steven Biasatti x1379

**LAUREL \$449,000**  
3801 MAPLE AVE. (Open 2-5)  
New listing! Spacious 2+BR/1BA bungalow. Hardwood floors, fireplace bordered by built-in bookcases & formal dining room with built-ins. Jennie A. Flanigan x1354

**MILLSMONT \$389,000**  
3215 MORCOM AVE. (Open 2-4)  
New listing! Mills College area. Small bungalow. 1+BR/1BA. Nancy Hoover x1375

**LAKE MERRITT \$349,000**  
908-912 EAST 18TH ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
New listing! Great income property. 2 houses on 1 lot. 2BR/1BA and 1+BR/1BA. Close to Lake Merritt. Joanna Hirsch x1366

### By Appointment

**BERKELEY \$2,950,000**  
Stunning 4+BR/4BA contemporary in spectacular setting. Extensively remodeled. Floor to ceiling windows. A work of art! Nancy Noman x1373



**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$2,850,000**  
Stately Normandy on privately situated approximately 2/3 acre. Large main house, guest cottage, conservatory. Views. 4BR/4.5BA. David Ichikawa x1331

**ROCKRIDGE \$1,295,000**  
3+BR/4BA. Sophisticated & elegant. Architect design remodeled kitchen. 2-story window wall great room. Fabulous master suite. Decks, yard. Near BART & shops. Nancy Noman x1373

**CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,175,000**  
Unique & sophisticated 3+BR/3BA custom home. Beautiful hardwood floors, a free-standing galvanized steel fireplace, decks & fabulous views. Carla Buffington x1367

**BERKELEY \$750,000**  
Mid-Century Modern 5BR/3BA w/ soaring ceilings and walls of glass. Bathed in sunlight. Surrounded by trees. Jack McPhail x1336



**GRAND LAKE \$699,000**  
Well-maintained duplex w/large level yard. 2BR/1.5BA unit w/FDR, fireplace, deck & yard. 3BR/1.5BA unit w/flexible floor plan & fireplace. Wendy Gardner-Ferrari x1303

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$435,000**  
2BR/2BA unit at the beautifully maintained Heritage of Claremont. Sweeping bay view. Redone bamboo flooring, carpet, counters & more. Debi Fitzgerald x1306

**LAUREL \$289,000**  
Inviting 2-story 2BR/2.5BA Townhome. Recently refurbished. Fireplace in living room. Private garden & patio. Leslie Avant x1341



## WEEKLY SALES

## ALAMEDA

1825 9th St - \$591,000  
 2134 Alameda Av - \$600,000  
 209 Avington Rd - \$750,000  
 3014 Bayo Vista - \$700,000  
 2323 Buena Vista - \$745,000  
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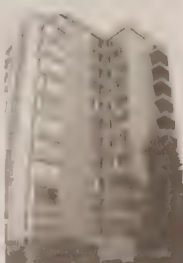


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 4290 Terrace St - \$740,000  
 1200 Trestle Glen - \$755,000  
 4412 Turner Av - \$777,000  
 3644 Virden Av - \$535,000  
 5 W. Embarcadero 127 - \$350,000  
 6277 Wood Dr - \$1,735,000  
 1690 Woodhaven - \$547,000  
 10 Woodside Glen - \$1,060,000

## PIEDMONT

151 Mountain - \$1,061,500  
 457 Mountain - \$1,150,000  
 205 Pacific Av - \$1,526,000  
 503 Park Wy - \$3,300,000

## RICHMOND

336 20th St - \$325,000  
 1856 2nd St - \$302,000  
 959 32nd St - \$260,000  
 749 39th St - \$455,000  
 545 3rd St - \$238,000  
 118 5th St - \$260,000  
 647 5th St - \$355,000  
 4160 Bell Av - \$422,500  
 4700 Berk Av - \$450,000  
 1411 Bissell Av - \$189,000  
 612 Bradford Dr - \$275,000  
 1200 Brickyard 309 - \$485,000  
 1201 Brickyard 406 - \$410,000  
 1331 Carlson Bl - \$386,000  
 2633 Chanslor Av - \$160,000  
 215 Commodore - \$389,000  
 605 Commodore - \$470,500  
 502 Deer Park Dr - \$565,000  
 2340 Downer Av - \$380,000  
 3120 Fiesta Ct - \$448,000  
 905 Florida Av - \$325,000  
 2861 Gonzaga Av - \$386,000  
 16 Greenview Ln - \$325,000  
 1825 Helling Av - \$270,000  
 713 Kern St - \$440,000  
 1023 Landmark Ct - \$444,000  
 1028 Landmark Ct - \$445,000  
 2917 McKenzie Dr - \$395,000  
 1207 Melville 415 - \$267,500  
 3007 Moran Av - \$340,000  
 128 Park Ln - \$310,000  
 3346 Park Ridge - \$644,500  
 3354 Park Ridge - \$617,000  
 720 Pennsylvania - \$360,000  
 2701 Pine Av - \$255,000  
 511 Ripley Av - \$300,000  
 1521 Roosevelt - \$247,000  
 217 Sanford Av - \$282,000  
 207 South 18th St - \$100,000  
 300 South 37th St - \$555,000  
 406 South Marina - \$295,500  
 442 South Marina - \$310,000  
 6001 Sutter Av - \$465,000  
 526 Verde Av - \$280,000  
 920 View Dr - \$370,000

## SAN LEANDRO

1425 156th - \$350,000  
 2003 Altamont - \$375,000  
 12994 Aurora Dr - \$465,000  
 899 Barri Dr - \$470,000  
 850 Begonia Dr - \$502,000  
 15056 Crosby St - \$462,500  
 1044 Dillo St - \$430,000  
 817 Douglas Dr - \$365,000  
 1204 Fordham Av - \$485,000  
 15230 Hardin St - \$425,000  
 15280 Laverne Dr - \$510,000  
 820 Manor Bl - \$454,000  
 1293 Margery Av - \$410,000  
 283 Marina Bl - \$382,000  
 14426 Nassau Rd - \$460,000  
 15518 Oceanside - \$620,000  
 14052 Reed Av - \$315,000  
 16806 Robey Dr - \$620,000  
 14271 Seagate - \$345,000  
 16878 Selby Dr - \$535,000  
 368 Sybil Av - \$650,000  
 703 Tivoli St - \$659,000

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2115 Trombas Av - \$459,000  
 14857 Wake Av - \$432,000  
 212 W Broadmoor - \$415,000

## SAN LORENZO


49 E Paseo Grande - \$287,000

1320 Jacqueline Pl - \$330,000  
 1809 Keller Av - \$485,000  
 15563 Ronconi Dr - \$517,500  
 18500 Via Arriba - \$500,000  
 1055 Via Bregani - \$470,000  
 1265 Via El Monte - \$479,000

1414 Via La Paloma - \$450,000  
 15764 Via Lunado - \$445,000  
 17050 Via Margarita - \$445,000  
 17356 Via San Ardo - \$415,000

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**OPEN SUNDAY**



**6958 Bristol Drive, Oakland**

This spectacular 3 yr old Mediterranean is truly a masterpiece. It has a great floorplan and the best details. There is a leveled terraced manicured backyard w/a unbelievable out door kitchen & Gazebo. 4 Bedrm, 3.5 Bath, Family Rm w/ fireplace, a kitchen you will remember, and a master suite w/ sep. sitting rm. This has the Best of everything!


**Offered at \$1,299,000**

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**A sampling of our current listings:**



**Mission Dolores**  
 Nestled at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac, this beautifully renovated 1920's home has Edwardian charm, superb floor plan and contemporary touches. 3 br including master suite with fireplace, 2.5 baths, gourmet kitchen plus much more.  
 \$1,200,000



**Inner Mission**  
 Absolutely delightful Victorian row house combines turn-of-the-century charm with contemporary renovations -- enjoy the best of both worlds in vibrant, hip Inner Mission. 2 br including spacious 2nd floor master suite; 2 full baths.  
 \$599,000



**Bernal Heights**  
 Located on a cul-de-sac on the northwest side of Bernal, this finer has loads of potential. Bring your imagination! 1 br plus loft and 2 unwarranted rooms down. Probate sale -- no court confirmation required.  
 \$459,000

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**2893 Buena Vista Way, Berkeley**  
**By Appointment**  
*Huge Price Reduction!* Spectacular panoramic views, exquisite materials, thoughtfully designed & built into a wonderful site in a coveted neighborhood. Dramatic, large open spaces, sophistication & incredible privacy in this 3+ bd/2.5 ba, + au pair. Minutes to Chez Panisse, UCB & Tilden.  
**Norah Brower 524-9888 x26, \$1,675,000**

**525 Colusa, Berkeley**  
**Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30**  
 This spacious, well-maintained Mediterranean-style home offers 4 bdrms, 2 baths plus full 1 bdrm, 1 bath au-pair on a deep 7500 sq. ft. landscaped lot. Set back from the street behind acacia and oak trees and large boulder, this home offers a bay view while being only minutes from Solano Ave. shops and restaurants. This very desirable Thousand Oaks home is a "must see!"  
**Joan Brunswick 524-9888 x12, \$925,000**

**2223 Marin Ave., Berkeley**  
**Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30**  
 Watch the sun set on the GGB or have Sunday brunch with friends in the huge, serene bldy. Write a novel in the separate studio or just enjoy hanging out in gorgeous, well-maintained 3+bdm, 1.5 bath Craftsman all on 1 level. Non-conforming au pair unit below. A perfect North Berkeley location close to Cragmont School, Solano & Shattuck Ave. shops. All you'd wish for and more!  
**Norah Brower 524-9888 x26, \$765,000**

**3045 Buena Vista Way, Berkeley**  
**Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30**  
 Romantic and enchanting 2+ bdrm/2.5 bath remodeled hillside retreat in the Berkeley hills w/partial Bay views. Beautiful wood details, a wall of French doors in the spacious and open living room with fireplace which opens to secluded patio. An updated, eat-in kitchen makes this home ideal for entertaining. "Plus space" downstairs w/full bath & separate entrance. Private, sunny, level backyard garden oasis w/hot tub.  
**Denise Milburn 524-9888 x35, \$735,000**

**1823 Highland Place (off Hearst), Berkeley**  
**Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30**  
 Beautiful, charming and spacious 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath T.I.C. Townhouse in coveted N. Berkeley. Gorgeous random plank hwdw floors, double pane windows throughout, double kitchen w/interior access to garage w/outlet. Level park-like bkyd, vegetable garden. Near shops, restaurants. Easy commute to San Francisco.  
**Chris@berkhills.com**  
**Chris Ehlers-Hardie 524-9888 x22, \$499,000**

**7335 Fairmount Ave., El Cerrito**  
 New Listing! Charming split-level 50's home. Gorgeous random plank hwdw floors, double pane windows throughout, double kitchen w/interior access to garage w/outlet. Level park-like bkyd, vegetable garden. Near shops, restaurants. Easy commute to San Francisco.  
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**2431 Russell St., Berkeley**  
**Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00**  
 New Listing! Traditional 1946 townhouse-style condominium in wonderful Elmwood location! This two-story unit features 2 bdrms, 1 bath with hardwood floors throughout, living room w/bay window and is in a beautifully landscaped complex. Minutes to U.C., transportation & the amenities of College & Telegraph Avenues.  
**Warren Lei 524-9888 x14**  
**Gertrude Villanueva 524-9888 x42, \$419,000**

**Lots**

**Southampton Ave. View Lot, Berkeley**  
 Gorgeous, gently down-sloping lot on a street full of expensive homes, in one of Berkeley's most prestigious neighborhoods. Views of the G.G. Bridge and the S.F. Bay, across from John Hinkel Park, & minutes to Solano Ave. shops.  
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**Panoramic Way Lots**  
 Panoramic Way lots. 5 contiguous lots, downslope with view, totaling .31 acres or 13,771 sq. ft.  
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**3943 Everett Avenue, Oakland**  
 Open Sun 1:30-4:30

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## China Hill

**303 Newton Ave.**

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## 43 Farragut Avenue, Piedmont

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**Karen Lum, Realtor**  
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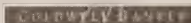
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## 432 Lester Ave.

Charming 3+ Bdrm, 2Ba. home with cozy living room and adjacent sunroom overlooking large, private backyard with fruit trees, double deck and hot tub. This house has been lovingly maintained, offers the convenience of Lakeshore and Grand Ave. shopping, the beauty of Lake Merritt, has wheelchair accessibility and a flexible floorplan-all within its own private setting on China Hill.

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**SPRING MANSION** \$7,250,000  
1313 Spring Mansion. This home is in the California Historical Registry and includes second house with 12 guest cottages & tennis court.  
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**EMERYVILLE** \$5,985,000  
3 BA Spectacular French Chateau 1926 by Albert Farr. Extensively renovated. Fabulous kitchen & master suite.  
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**BERKELEY** \$799,000  
3 units are 2BD/1BA. 1 unit is 1BD/1BA with a huge finished basement.  
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**WOOD HEIGHTS** \$729,000  
1/2 A Tranquil serene setting on almost 1/2 acre. Hills view, 2 FP, great much more.  
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**EMERYVILLE** \$415,000  
All Spec Elmwood Condo Walking to Transportation & Restaurants. Sec 2 Bdrm bldg on 2nd flr w/fplc, balc, laundry/prkg.  
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**REDUCED. 2 BR 1 BA Stylish condo** \$379,000  
All Spec kitchen, Pergo flrs, updated bath, great location. Secure parking.  
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**CLAREMONT** \$695,000  
3 Bdrm 30s home on a quiet St! Lrg kitchen, DR w/French doors to brick patio.  
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**CLAREMONT** \$519,000  
152 Taurus  
Sun 2-5  
Brown Shingle with wood floors & Craftsman detail. Private garden oasis.  
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## OPEN HOUSES

**EMERYVILLE** \$345,000  
4053 Harlan St. #213 Sun 2-4:30  
Authentic Live/Work Loft. Clean, light, move-in unit in Besler bldg. Ideal location.  
Cheryl Cahn 510-486-1495

**HERCULES** \$429,000  
157 Cardoza Sun 2-4:30  
3 BR 2.5 BA Duet 2 story home w/views! New carpet & tile. Fam rm w/patio. Comm pool & spa. 2 car gar.  
Maxine Malberg 510-486-1495

**CLAREMONT** \$1,540,000  
49 Vicente Pl. Sun 2-4:30  
5 BR 4.5 BA Mediterranean Villa. Great location! Bay views! 2yrs. new. Formal LR/DR. Fam rm.  
Preston Grant 510-339-4700

**CLAREMONT HILLS** \$1,299,000  
6958 Bristol Dr. Sun 2-5  
4 BR 3.5 BA Spectacular 3yr old Mediterranean style home. Great flrpln. Outdoor kit. & gazebo. A Beauty!  
Judy Ackerman 510-339-4700

**CLAREMONT** \$1,110,000  
152 Taurus Sun 2-5  
5 BR 3.5 BA Medit. Bungalow w/arch detail; lovely terraced garden-all done w/artist's eye for beauty.  
Ellen Lancaster 510-339-4700

**TEMESCAL** \$1,399,000  
3801-3817 Shafter Sun 2-5  
8 lovely "SF style" flats are rich with original details. Close to Piedmont Ave.  
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**OAKLAND HILLS** \$1,075,000  
4700 Shetland Sun 2-5  
4 BR 4.5 BA New construction, contemporary design, top of the line finishes. Great flr pln, gourmet kit.  
Terry Anthony 510-339-4700

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS** \$920,000  
831 Portal Ave. Sun 2-5  
4 BR 3.5 BA Crocker Highlands at its best! Gourmet kit. Great yard, deck & patio. HWF & Great floorplan.  
Joan Alford 510-339-4700

**PIEDMONT PINES** \$779,000  
6240 Chelton Drive Sun 2-4:30  
3+ BD, 2+ BA Bay views, kit/fam rm, great outdoor living, mstr suite, home office, rec rm  
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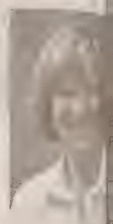
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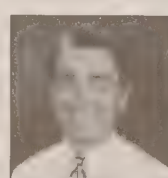
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4/3 - Berkeley Hills Traditional with SF & Golden Gate views. Living room with vaulted ceiling, formal dining room, 2nd level with large master suite, deck & view.  
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**EL CERRITO - NEW!** \$455,000  
2/1 - Cute bungalow featuring a brick fireplace, separate dining room. Situated on a 6,000 square foot lot with many fruit trees  
755 Everett Street Open 2-4



**BERKELEY - NEW LISTING!** \$575,000  
2/2 - 1,414 sq. ft. condo - rooftop penthouse. Blocks to UC campus & Chez Panisse. Sweeping panoramic bay views from living room. Private elevator stop.  
2201 Virginia Street #15 Open 2-5



**OAKLAND - NEW LISTING!** \$399,000  
2/1 - Fully renovated split-level home on Emeryville border. Hardwood floors, built-in cabinetry and freshly painted interior/exterior. Backyard with wood deck.  
5325 Lowell Street Open 2-4



**OAKLAND - NEW LISTING!** \$399,000  
LOFT - Fabulous end unit with exposed concrete walls, polished concrete floors, high ceilings, sleeping loft, roof access & laundry in unit. Easy to Jack L. Square & freeway  
247 4th Street #306 Open 12-3



**BERKELEY** \$629,000  
2/2 - Beautiful brown shingle, contemporary with au pair unit. Near Claremont Hotel & Rockridge shops. More information at [www.izumitada.com](http://www.izumitada.com)  
7717 Claremont Avenue Open 2-4



**BERKELEY** \$450,000  
1/1 - Spacious, clean, elegant traditional SF-style flat in best Elmwood location. Gives a real feeling of home. Formal dining room, built-ins, fireplace in living room.  
2741 Garber Street #3 Open 2-4



**OAKLAND** \$389,000  
2/1 - Cute, Mediterranean home. New carpet, sparkling hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, updated bath. Convenient to shops, freeways & BART  
3306 Deering Street Open 2-4



**OAKLAND** \$349,000  
3/1.5 - Bungalow with large partially finished basement for expansion. Fenced-in yard and detached garage. Wall to wall carpeting  
1644 40th Avenue Open 2-4

**BERKELEY** \$579,000  
3/1 - In the hills near Terrace View Park. Lovely green view from picture windows, secluded patio, hardwood floors, updated kitchen. More at [www.bobbilumberg.com](http://www.bobbilumberg.com).  
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4/2 - Mediterranean legal duplex. Upstairs is 3bd/1ba with hardwood floors, formal dining room, decorative fireplace. Downstairs is 1bd/1ba. Lots of storage spaces, garage and shed.

**BERKELEY** \$549,000  
Duplex - Central Berkeley. Front is 2/1, rear cottage is 1/1. Enclosed backyard. Lots of potential for home and income. Close to Berkeley Bowl and BART.

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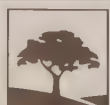
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## By the numbers

## ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 22  
LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,900,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$641,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$676,114

## ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 7  
LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$681,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$542,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$503,143

## BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 19  
LOWEST PRICE: \$335,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,750,000  
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AVERAGE PRICE: \$782,421

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Georgia</p> <p>\$379,000 1210 32nd Street Sun 2-4:30 Kane &amp; Associates</p> <p>\$379,000 1278 58th Avenue Open 1-4:30pm Regency California Realty</p> <p>\$389,000 3215 Morcom Sun 2-4 510-521-1177 Pacific Union GMAC</p> <p>\$389,000 3306 Deering St Open Sun 2-4 Red Oak Realty</p> <p>\$389,000 492 58th St. Open Sun 2-4 Maison Nouveau</p> <p>\$389,000 918 40th St. Sun. 2-4:30 N. Oakland C21 Heritage Real Estate</p> <p>\$394,000 323 Montie Vista #30 Open Sun 1:30-5 Re/Max East Bay Hills</p> <p>\$395,000 3120 Linden St. Open Sun 2-4:30 Better Homes Realty</p> <p>\$395,000 7925 Winthrop St. Open Sun 2-4:30 Red Oak Realty</p> <p>\$399,000 1042 Arlington Open Sun 2-4:30 No. Oakland Better Homes Realty</p> <p>\$399,000 1165 84th Ave. Sun 2-4:30 Duplex Wells &amp; Bennett Realtors</p> <p>\$399,000 1225 12th Street Sun 1-4pm West Oakland Assist-2-Sell</p> <p>\$399,000 247 4th St #306 Open Sun 12-3 Red Oak Realty</p> <p>\$399,000 3251 Kansas Sun 2-4:30 Wells &amp; Bennett Realtors</p> <p>\$399,950 2514 E. 22nd St. Sun 1-4pm Fruitvale Assist-2-Sell</p> <p>\$399,950 1054 56th St. Sun. 1-4 Golden Gate Prudential Ca. Realty Grand Lake</p> <p>\$400,000 5 West Embarcadero #25 Open Sun 1-4 RE/MAX Accord</p> <p>\$419,000 5340 Broadway Terrace Sun 2-4:30 Rockridge Coldwell Banker</p> <p>\$425,000 3948 Fruitvale Ave. Sun 1-4pm Upper Diamond Assist-2-Sell</p> <p>\$440,000 309 4th St #105 Open Sun 2-4:30 Jack Lon. Sc. Better Homes Realty</p> <p>\$449,000 1955 Courtland Ave Open Sun 2-4:30 Maxwell Park Better Homes Realty</p> <p>\$449,000 2954 Modeline St Open Sun 2-4:30 Laurel Better Homes Realty</p> <p>\$449,000 3158 Madera Ave. Sun 2-4:30 Maxwell Park Wells &amp; Bennett Realtors</p> <p>\$449,000 3801 Maple Ave. Sun 2-5 Laurel Pacific Union GMAC</p> <p>\$449,000 3917 Whittier Ave Sun 2-4:30 Upper Diamond Pacific Union GMAC</p> <p>\$449,900 930 47rd St. Open Sun 2-4:30 No. Oakland Better Homes Realty</p> <p>\$459,000 4432 Albert Street Sun 2-4:30 Oakland Prudential California RE</p>



AVERAGE PRICE: \$529,000

**SALES:** 14  
BEST PRICE: \$310,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,105,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$551,000

**SALES:** 4  
LOWEST PRICE: \$279,000  
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5309 El Camile Maxwell Park D. Graceffa/L. Friedman	2BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 510-845-0211	\$599,000	7201 Saroni Drive Sun 2-4:30 Montclair The Grubb Co.	3BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400 Elizabeth Dickson	\$799,000	2644 Lacuesta Ave. Sun 2-4:30 Montclair The Grubb Co.	3+BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400 H. Broderick & M. Merrick	\$1,525,000	17044 Broadway Terrace Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Pacific Union GMAC	4+BD/4.5BA Sun 2-4:30 510-338-1331 David Ichikawa	\$469,000	748 Pomona Ave Sun 2-4:30 Open Sun 2-4:30 Better Homes Realty	3BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 510-339-4550 Nahid Nassiri						
3452 Coolidge Ave. Fruitvale 510-531-7000 x277 Anne Manley	3BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	\$619,000	462 Capricorn Ave. Sun 2-4:30 Montclair The Grubb Co.	2+BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400 Hope Broderick	\$799,000	5230 Leona Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union GMAC	3BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 510-338-1364 Cindy Houts	\$1,540,000	49 Vicente Pl. Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	5BD/4.5BA Sun 2-4:30 510-339-4700 Preston Grant	\$479,000	7330 Stockton Ave Sun 1:30-4 Open Sun 1:30-4 Red Oak Realty	3BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 510-280-2178 Grace Bishop						
4150 Terrace St. Piedmont Ave. D. A. Hammond	2BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 510-339-9290	\$619,500	66 Gregory Place Sun 2-4:30 Redwood Heights Pacific Union GMAC	4+BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 510-338-1352 Diane Earl McCan	\$799,000	6460 Shelterwood Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Pacific Union GMAC	3+BD/2.5BA Sun 2-4:30 510-338-1303 Wendy Gardner-Ferrari	\$1,650,000	5801 Buena Vista Ave. Sun 2-4:30 Rockridge The Grubb Co.	4BD/3.5BA Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400 Michelle Winchester	\$599,000	2359 Alva Ave Open Sat/Sun 2-5 Investment House Realty	3+BD/2/2BA Sun 2-5 510-527-8777 Stephanie Lee						
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3538 Burkhalter Ave. Edwards/590 D. A. Hammond	3BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 510-834-2010	\$629,000	4100 Malcolm Sun 2-4:30 Oakland Hills Pacific Union GMAC	2+BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 510-338-1308 Dick Cohen	\$839,000	4425 Arcadia Avenue Sun 1:30-4:30pm Upper Oakmore Realty World East Bay	4BD/3.5BA Sun 2-4:30 510-625-8900 Lorne Lentz	\$2,190,000	1015 Grand View Drive Sun 2-4:30 Claremont Hills The Grubb Co.	5BD/4.5BA Sun 2-4:30 510-652-2133 Helene Barkin	\$825,000	728 Gelston Pl Open Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker Bartels	3BD/2.5BA Sun 2-4:30 510-303-8245 SII Addiego						
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4006 Brighton Ave. Glenview 510-339-0400 Kurt Buchholz	3BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400	\$649,000	1322 Everett Sun 2-4 Glenview Prudential California RE	4BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 510-501-0713 Mark Hardwicke	\$849,000	6350 Contra Costa Sun 2-4:30 Upper Rockridge510-531-7000 x290 Wells & Bennett Realtors	4BD/4BA Sun 2-4:30 510-339-4280 Pedram Karbassi	\$949K-979K	633-637 Valle Vista Sun 2-4:30 Grand Lake Wells & Bennett Realtors	4-Plex Sun 2-4:30 510-531-7000 x270 Antoine Pison	\$1,350,000	1377 Eaton Sun 2-4 Marvin Gardens	4BD/4.5BA Sun 2-4 510-292-3057 Pat Duffy						
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3044 Roxbury Ave. Sheffield Village 510-339-9290 David Otero	2+BD/1+BA Sun 2-4:30 510-339-9290	\$675,000	2112 High St Open Sun 2-5 Re/Max	3 units Sun 2-4:30 510-638-4134 Stephanie Christmas	\$979,000	1334 Mountain Blvd Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Better Homes Realty	3BD/3.5BA Sun 2-4:30 510-339-4550 Nahid Nassiri	\$679,000	85 Ronada Ave. Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	2BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400 Katherine Cooper	\$375,000	654 39th St Open Sun 2-4:30Grand View Terrace Red Oak Realty	2BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 510-292-2018 Ana Abraides						
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3840 Beaumont Glenview 510-338-13404 Christina Downer	2BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 510-338-13404	\$695,000	8040 Shepherd Canyon Sun 2-4:30 Montclair Pacific Union GMAC	3+BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 510-338-1314 Sandy Klemmer	\$989,000	991-993 Scott St. Sun 2-4:30 DUPLICATE Pacific Union GMAC	3+BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 510-338-1307 Jeffrey Himmel	\$779,000	6240 Chelton Dr. Sun 2-4:30 Piedmont Pines Coldwell Banker	3+BD/2+BA Sun 2-4:30 510-339-4700 Joan Duffield	\$450,000	806 Poppy Ct Sun 2-4 Coldwell Banker Bartels	3BD/2BA Sun 2-4 510-691-1222 Sam Cheng						
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4871 Norley Drive Montclair 510-339-0400 Judith Cain	2+BD/1BA Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400	\$775,000	1555 Leimert Blvd Open Sun 2-4 Oakmore Maison Nouveau	3BD/2BA Sun 2-4:30 510-849-9900 Hugh Robertson	\$1,299,000	6958 Bristol Dr. Sun 2-5 Oakmore Hills Coldwell Banker	4BD/3.5BA Sun 2-4:30 510-339-4700 Judy Ackerman	\$498,000	218 Water St. Sun 2-4 Marvin Gardens Real Estate	1BD/1.5BA Sun 2-4 510-231-1640 Jeri Jones	\$340,000	1121 Connecticut Ave. Sun 2-4 Coldwell Banker Bartels	2BD/1BA Sun 2-4 510-834-1222 Sam Cheng						
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## Sales

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## KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 2  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$797,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$900,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$848,500

## OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 112  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$157,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,735,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$450,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$546,058

## PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 4  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$1,061,500  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$3,300,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$1,526,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,759,375

## RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 45  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$644,500  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$355,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$361,189

## SAN LEANDRO

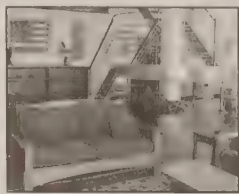
TOTAL SALES: 25  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$315,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$659,000  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$459,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$463,820

## SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 11  
 LOWEST PRICE: \$287,000  
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$517,500  
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$450,000  
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$438,500

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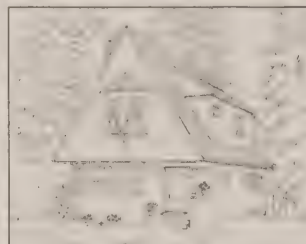
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Open Sunday 8/1/04,  
 8/8/04, 1-4 pm

Rare opportunity Penthouse! Spacious Industrial style. Two levels custom design from Berkeley Mills. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms. Master bedroom suite with a fireplace and 1200 sq. ft. hardwood deck. Great view from every room. High ceiling, big windows. Close to Jack London Square, BART. Easy freeway access. Fifteen minutes to Downtown S.F. This loft has been used by Paramount Pictures for filming of different TV series.



## JUST LISTED



280 Athol, Oakland  
 \$479,000



Open Sunday  
 1 until 5 pm

Decidedly quaint Early 20th Century located in the Lake Merritt area of Oakland and cheerful interiors retain the charm of the era but this lady has had some recent work to her foundation and a new furnace installed going well into the 21st century. You'll find a large backyard with potential and off-street parking. Close to the Parkways Theatre, shopping, restaurants on lower Park Boulevard, commute, too.

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## Oakland Hills Jewel



10720 Cotter Street  
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2644 LaGuesta Avenue, Montclair

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. A fabulous Montclair ranch home in a private wooded setting. The spacious living room with open floorplan leads to a dining room with French doors that open to a lush garden with fountain. The remodeled kitchen features stainless appliances, butcher block and marble counters. Designer colors, built-in bookshelves and special lighting give this home a modern feeling without losing period details.

Offered at \$799,000



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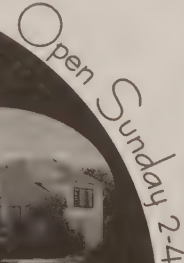
532 Aileen Street  
 Oakland  
 \$450,000

Don't miss this adorable, light filled, Idona Park 2 bedroom, 1 1/4 bath storybook home. Step back in time through the turner front entrance to the many interesting architectural features inside.

Dramatic living room with fireplace, high ceilings, and large, bright picture window. Refinished hardwood floors throughout. Attached 2 car garage. Private patio. Beautifully tiled bathroom. Bonus room can be used as an office or den. Approx. 1,524 sq. ft.

www.MaisonNouveau.com

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## 3042 Windsor Dr. ~ Alameda



Fabulous 2+ bedroom. Wide plank hardwood formal dining room, remodeled eat-in kitchen, Corian countertops, rear garden. Popular district!

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 Priced at \$669,000



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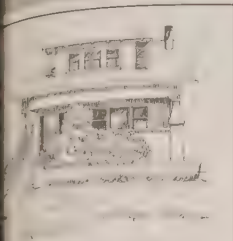
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Looking for a new home? Don't miss this week's Open Home Guide starting on page B16.

## JUST LISTED



1322 Everett Avenue, Oakland  
Big Beautiful Craftsman  
Offered at \$649,000

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Open Sunday  
2 to 4 pm

It's only one block to Glenview shops and restaurants from this Handsome Craftsman Home. It has 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. Other features include a great fireplace in the livingroom, a formal dining room and an enclosed sun porch. Entertain friends in the sweet backyard garden. There are lovely hardwood floors, a one car detached garage, and a nice big front porch from which to greet your new neighbors!

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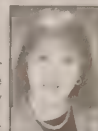
1430 Dwight Way, Berkeley  
\$569,000

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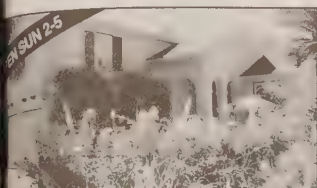
Open Sunday  
1 until 5 pm

Simply lovely 3 bedroom 2 bath split-level English Tudor home with its original character and charm wonderfully intact. Some of its many beautiful features include gleaming matchstick hardwood floors, a traditional-looking living room fireplace, built-in dining room hutch, newer kitchen and baths and a large park-like backyard. Just a short distance to the Home Made Café and Breads of India, and minutes from BART and the TransBay Express bus to San Francisco.

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800 Begier Ave., San Leandro

Appealing! This 2 BD/1 BA split-level exudes the charm of the 1930's. Simple elegance, arched windows & doorways, cozy fireplace, hardwood floors, dining room. Bright eat-in kitchen. Large utility room with lots of storage. Attached garage. Lush & enchanting garden in verdant park-like setting. Prudential Estadillo Estates.

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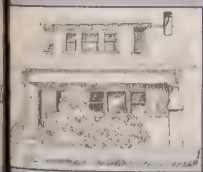
20111 West Ridge Ct., Castro Valley\*  
3521 California Ave., Oakland\*  
514 Fairbanks Ave., Oakland\*  
1515 Francis St., Albany\*  
(\*Represented the buyers)

## PRUDENTIAL CA REALTY GRAND LAKE



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## FEATURED HOMES



Sunday 2-4  
1322 Everett, Oakland. 4BR/2BA  
Craftsman. FP, DR, near shops,  
hardwood floors, garden.  
Mark Hardwicke (510) 868-1527



OPEN Sunday 2-5 \$589,000  
10720 Cotter, Oakland. Sweet 3+BR/  
2+BA Split Level, Rumpus, FDR, FP,  
HWF, EIK, large level yard, 2-car gar.  
Bryan Salomone (510) 428-0900



OPEN Sunday 1-5 \$569,000  
1430 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Fabulous  
3BR/2BA English Tudor, HWFs,  
updated kit/bath.  
Natalie Cuttler (510) 845-0211



OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 \$495,000  
435 Alcatraz, Oakland. Charming  
2+BR Craftsman home in garden  
setting.  
Barbara Reynolds (510) 868-1487



OPEN Sunday 2-4 \$489,000  
14873 Lark, San Leandro. 3BR/2BA,  
9114 sq. ft. lot! Fruit trees, farm in  
city!  
Camille Rogers (510) 845-0211

### Piedmont

Sunday 2-4:30 \$990,000  
Oakland Way. Spacious 4+BR/2BA  
home with upgrades!  
Lisa Quiros (510) 339-9290

Sunday 2-4:30 \$775,000  
Oakland. Charming mid-century  
home with view.  
Barbara Reynolds (510) 868-1487

### Oakland

Sunday 1-4 \$1,280,000  
1322 St. #312. Unique penthouse.  
design. 3BR/2BA.  
Lisa Quiros (510) 868-1400

Sunday 1-4 \$1,075,000  
Oakland. Stunning 4BR/3BA, @  
Stylish gem. Virtual tour @  
www.CalFox.com  
(925) 283-7000

Sunday 2-4:30 \$949,000  
Oakland. Beautiful 4BR/3BA.  
Large yard. "Perfect 10".  
David Otero (510) 428-0900

Sunday 2-4:30 \$905,000  
Oakland. Appealing 5BR/4BA  
home on corner lot, view.  
(510) 339-9290

Sunday 2-4:30 \$799,000  
Oakland. Upper Rockridge  
home. Views, yard.  
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### Oakland

3BR/1BA Home \$660,000  
4445 Moraga Ave. Large yard, great  
location.  
Lisa Quiros (510) 845-0211

OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 \$599,000  
688 Santa Ray. Charming 3BR/2BA  
contemporary with wonderful floor plan.  
Brian Santilena (510) 339-9290

Montclair Fixer \$575,000  
3+BR, 2BA, solarium, needs work. Near  
Montclair Village.  
Barbara Levy (510) 869-2786

OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 \$549,000  
3044 Roxbury Ave. Charming  
2+BR/1+BA Sheffield Village traditional.  
David Otero (510) 339-9290

OPEN Sunday 1-5 \$479,000  
280 Athol Ave. Sunny 2-story 20th  
Century farmhouse, HWFs, yard.  
Natalie Cuttler (510) 845-0211

OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 \$475,000  
4150 Terrace St. Delightful 2BR/1BA  
bungalow with lots of upgrades.  
D.A. Hammond (510) 339-9290

OPEN Sunday 1-4 \$460,500  
8239 Ney Avenue. 2+BR/2BA with view.  
Tara Banks (510) 834-2010

OPEN Sunday 2-4 \$450,000  
728 Campbell St. Victorian on double lot  
close to BART. EZ to fwy.  
Cynthia Johnson (510) 868-1549

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### Oakland

OPEN Sunday \$439,000  
Nicely remodeled bungalow on oversized  
lot w/potential for future multi-family  
develop. Located near Emeryville/  
Berkeley border.  
Eric N. Silverman (510) 428-0900

OPEN Sunday 2-5 \$429,000  
2768 Bellaire Place. 2BR/1BA Craftsman  
bungalow, original HWF, FP, great street.  
Anthony Riggins (510) 428-0900

OPEN Sunday 1-4 \$259,000  
3 Embarcadero #142. 1BR/1BA, large  
balcony, marina view - Jack London.  
Joan Morrow (510) 604-7464

### Berkeley

OPEN Sunday 2-4:30 \$529,000  
1820 Arch St. 2BR/1BA, unique Brittney  
Village, next to UC Campus.  
Wendy T. Louie (510) 851-9888

OPEN Sunday 2-4 \$399,000  
717 - 61st. Berkeley border, cute  
2BR/1BA Victorian, hardwood floor.  
Tom Wright (510) 527-9800

### Castro Valley

OPEN Sunday 2-4 \$499,000  
19212 Center St. 3BR/2BA. New  
everything!!  
Lillian Liao (510) 337-8670

### El Cerrito

Captivating View \$1,425,000  
Completely remodeled 4+BR/3BA with  
remodeled kitchen, private patio.  
Heidi Marchesotti (510) 339-9290

### El Cerrito

OPEN Sunday 2-4 \$765,000  
8555 Terrace. Beautiful new custom.  
Bay view, granite kitchen/bath.  
Carol Heath-Kim (510) 527-9800

### Residential Income

OPEN Sunday 2-5 \$659,000  
3022 Shattuck. Great 2BR/1BA  
owner's unit + 3BR/1BA upper near  
BART.  
Michael Stephens (510) 339-9290

OPEN Sunday 2-5 \$465,000  
5309 El Camile. Two remodeled  
apartments. Large commercial space  
below.  
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## PIEDMONT - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



**315 BLAIR AVENUE** \$2,450,000  
Classic East Coast Cape Cod. There is room for everyone in this central Piedmont home on a large, level lot with gardens and lawns. Country kitchen, den & family room. 5+BR/6BA. Perfection!  
Sandra Vogl



**85 RONADA AVENUE** \$679,000  
Start out in Piedmont! Great location. Piedmont schools, Piedmont Avenue shops and restaurants. Gracious 2BR/1BA home with large rooms, high ceilings and charm.  
Katherine Cooper



**149 RONADA AVENUE**  
Absolutely adorable! 2BR/1BA bungalow with hardwood floors, original architectural details, fireplace, formal dining room with built-in bookshelves, garden & great location.  
Lori

## OAKLAND - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



**13341 CAMPUS DRIVE** \$2,259,000  
Brand new & stunning. Panoramic Bay views, courtyard w/Koi pool, grassy yard, exquisite designer finishes throughout & elegant open spaces. 3-car garage. 4BR/3.5BA.  
Debra Dryden



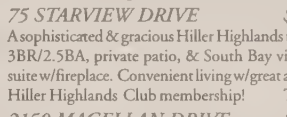
**2644 LACUESTA AVENUE** \$799,000  
Fabulous Montclair ranch. 3+BR/2BA. Private setting, Remodeled kitchen & baths. Level gardens. Large basement w/au-pair potential. Remodeled kitchen. Close to Montclair Village.  
H. Broderick & M. Merrick



**780 CARLSTON AVENUE**  
Charming Crocker Highlands 3BR/1BA home with lovely hardwood floors, cozy fireplace, formal dining room with built-in bookshelves, garden & great location.  
Steve



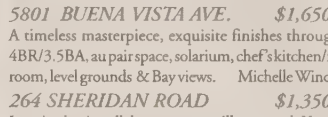
**1015 GRAND VIEW DRIVE** \$2,190,000  
Urban sophistication! New contemporary w/Bay views in verdant canyon setting. 5BR/4.5BA. Stunning! Fabulous kitchen/family room, private au pair, master retreat with views!  
Helene Barkin



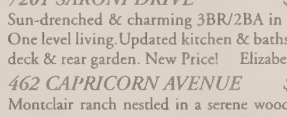
**75 STARVIEW DRIVE** \$749,000  
Asophisticated & gracious Hiller Highlands townhouse! 3BR/2.5BA, private patio, & South Bay view! Master suite w/fireplace. Convenient living w/great amenities & Hiller Highlands Club membership!  
Tricia Swift



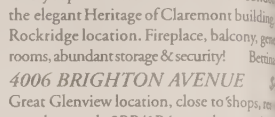
**3750 MCCLELLAND ST.**  
Bright and bold 3BR/2BA home with beautiful kitchen, formal dining room, supersized family room, abundant storage & security!  
Kurt



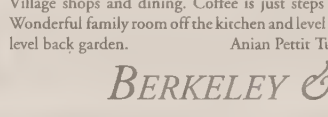
**5801 BUENA VISTA AVE.** \$1,650,000  
A timeless masterpiece, exquisite finishes throughout, 4BR/3.5BA, au pair space, solarium, chef's kitchen/family room, level grounds & Bay views.  
Michelle Winchester



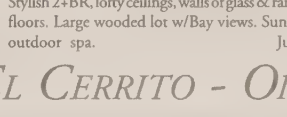
**2150 MAGELLAN DRIVE** \$699,000  
Beautiful contemporary conveniently located in lower Montclair. Elegant master suite is privately situated on the upper level. Dramatic living room w/vaulted ceiling. 3BR/2BA + rumpus room.  
Angela Wei Grubb



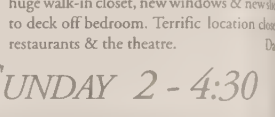
**5340 BROADWAY TERR. #301**  
A very sophisticated 2BR/2BA view condo in the elegant Heritage of Claremont building. Rockridge location. Fireplace, balcony, gourmet kitchen, abundant storage & security!  
Bernie



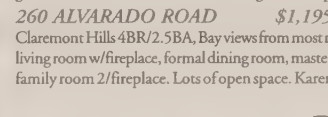
**264 SHERIDAN ROAD** \$1,350,000  
Imagine having all the room you will ever need. You can in this spacious 6+BR/4+BA upper Rockridge contemporary home, surrounded by lush gardens.  
Mavis Delacroix



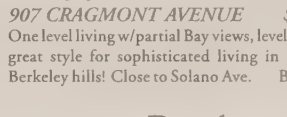
**7201 SARONI DRIVE** \$599,000  
Sun-drenched & charming 3BR/2BA in Montclair. One level living. Updated kitchen & baths. Level out deck & rear garden. New Price!  
Elizabeth Dickson



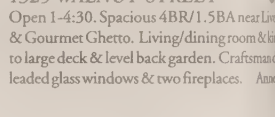
**4006 BRIGHTON AVENUE**  
Great Glenview location, close to shops, restaurants, casual carpool. 2BR/1BA up, plus a studio down w/separate entrance. Formal dining, eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors & a great garden.  
Kurt



**6021 LASALLE AVENUE** \$899,000  
Incredibly charming 3+BR home close to Montclair Village shops and dining. Coffee is just steps away! Wonderful family room off the kitchen and level out to level back garden.  
Anian Pettit Tunney

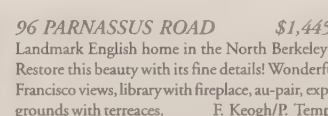


**462 CAPRICORN AVENUE** \$619,000  
Montclair ranch nestled in a serene wooded setting. Remodeled kitchen w/granite and stainless. Large downstairs with separate bath & entrance. Unusually large lot over 21,000 sq. ft. Many possibilities.  
Hope Broderick



**2857 MORLEY DRIVE** \$599,000  
Urban Montclair retreat, just minutes from the Village. Stylish 2+BR, lofty ceilings, walls of glass & random plank floors. Large wooded lot w/Bay views. Sunny patio & outdoor spa.  
Judith Cain

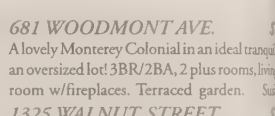
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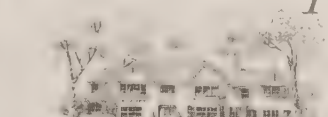
**96 PARNASSUS ROAD** \$1,445,000  
Landmark English home in the North Berkeley Hills! Restore this beauty with its fine details! Wonderful San Francisco views, library with fireplace, au-pair, expansive grounds with terraces.  
E. Keogh/P. Templeton



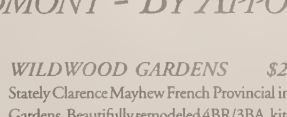
**7658 LEVESTON AVENUE** \$765,000  
EL CERRITO. Fabulous, sophisticated, light-filled home with a custom remodeled kitchen with French doors leading to a lovely landscaped garden. Enjoy the Bay views from the gorgeous master suite & deck.  
Anne Van Dyke



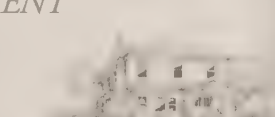
**1325 WALNUT STREET**  
Open 1-4:30. Spacious 4BR/1.5BA near Live! & Gourmet Ghetto. Living/dining room & kitchen w/large deck & level back garden. Craftsman style leaded glass windows & two fireplaces.  
Anne



**260 ALVARADO ROAD** \$1,195,000  
Claremont Hills 4BR/2.5BA, Bay views from most rooms, living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, master suite, family room 2/fireplace. Lots of open space. Karen Starr



**907 CRAGMONT AVENUE** \$750,000  
One level living w/partial Bay views, level gardens & great style for sophisticated living in the North Berkeley hills! Close to Solano Ave.  
Bebe McRae



**681 WOODMONT AVE.**  
A lovely Monterey Colonial in an ideal tranquil oversized lot! 3BR/2BA, 2 plus rooms, living room w/fireplaces. Terraced garden.  
Susan

## PIEDMONT - BY APPOINTMENT



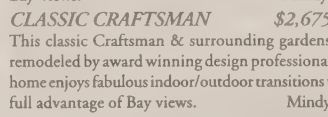
**PIEDMONT BEAUTY** \$4,650,000  
Elegant & gracious English style home with beautiful large-scale formal rooms updated kitchen/family room & beautiful grounds. 6BR/5+BA. Master suite w/fireplace. Bay views.  
Mindy Scott



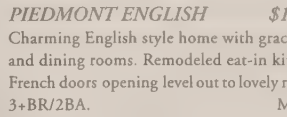
**CIRCA 1892 TREASURE** \$1,499,000  
In the same family for 50 yrs. this treasured home has original leaded windows, coved ceilings and handsome architecture. 4BR/2.5BA, library & level lawn.  
Katherine Cooper



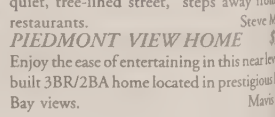
**PIEDMONT CRAFTSMAN** \$1,100,000  
A very special prairie-style 4BR/2.5BA home. Craftsman finishes throughout. Ideally located in quiet, tree-lined street, steps away from shops & restaurants.  
Steve



**CLASSIC CRAFTSMAN** \$2,675,000  
This classic Craftsman & surrounding gardens were remodeled by award winning design professionals. The home enjoys fabulous indoor/outdoor transitions taking full advantage of Bay views.  
Mindy Scott

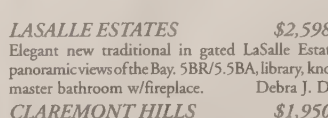


**PIEDMONT ENGLISH** \$1,100,000  
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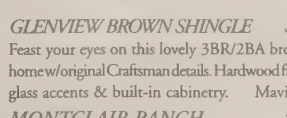


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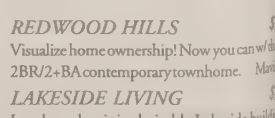
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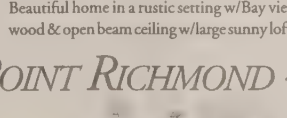
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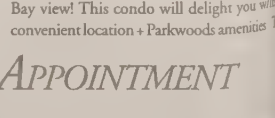
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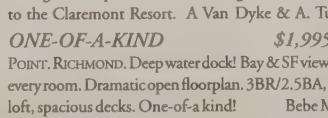
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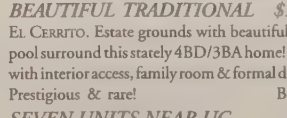
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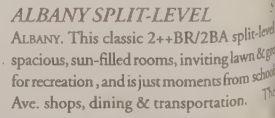
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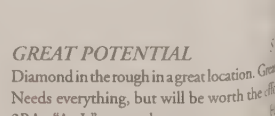
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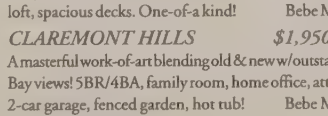
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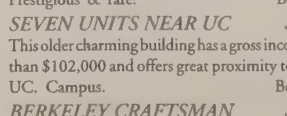
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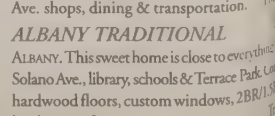
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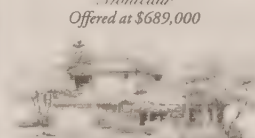
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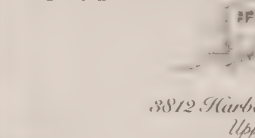
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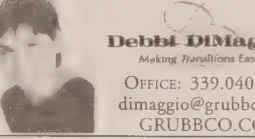
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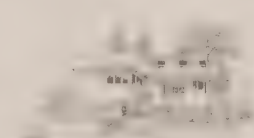
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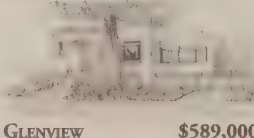


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# SPORTS

• Friday, July 30, 2004 •

Section C

## El Cerrito duo ready for international play



EDDIE LEDESMA/STAFF

HOLLANDS of El Cerrito is one of four non-Alameda residents playing on the Alameda World Team, which will play teams from Italy, Brazil and Japan in a tournament in San Diego.

## Hollands, Murray part of Alameda World Team to play in San Diego

By Scott Strain

STAFF WRITER

Mario Hollands and Doug Murray are two players from El Cerrito High School, it's a chance of fame and they both are taking advantage of it.

Hollands and Murray are two of four non-Alameda-based players on the 2004 Alameda World Team, which will play teams from Brazil, Japan and Italy among others in the World Team Tournament, which begins Aug. 7 in San Diego. The team will play its first game on Aug. 9 against Italy in the World Team Tournament.

The World Tournament has been played in Japan and Brazil for a couple of years; it now is in California for the first time since 2001, when it was held in Alameda.

The team in years past has players from Union City, San Francisco and Richmond, among others. This year it is two players from El Cerrito (Hollands and Murray) and two from Castro

Valley (Bryan Gerhard and Chad Zupfer).

Hollands, who was first picked for the team two years ago but was unable to go, pitched a two-hit shutout for Alameda last Saturday in the first game of a three-game exhibition set against Fresno USA. He's looking forward to the tournament.

"I was asked again (to play) and I wanted to play against these other countries," Hollands said.

Hollands recently has played for Star Makers, a traveling team out of San Mateo, and J.P. Electric, a team based in Pinole.

With nine players from Alameda high schools on the World Team, Hollands, who will be a junior at El Cerrito in the fall, has played against most of them in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League. "It's different," he said. "Now I'm on the same team rather than playing against them."

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EDDIE LEDESMA/STAFF

EL CERRITO'S Doug Murray will pitch and play in the outfield and infield for the Alameda World team, which will play in an international tournament in San Diego starting Aug. 7.

■ Hollands comes up with a solid pitching performance in victory

By Scott Strain

STAFF WRITER

Short and sweet. Fast and efficient. Given the good probability of no Anthony Woodd for the 2004 World Tournament, Alameda pitcher Mario Hollands gave the home team hope for success in the upcoming tournament by defeating Fresno USA 2-0 in the first game of an exhibition doubleheader on Saturday at College of Alameda.

Alameda lost the second game 10-1.

Hollands, who will be a junior at El Cerrito High School in the fall, used a variety of offspeed pitches and fastballs and needed just 85 pitches and 80 minutes to dispose of Fresno, which admittedly had just gotten off the bus after a three-hour drive.

Woodd, who suffered an arm

injury in Alameda's 3-1 victory over Vallejo in the Babe Ruth Baseball Northern California 13-15 year-old All-Star Tournament, probably will be unavailable for the World Tournament, which starts Aug. 9 in San Diego.

Woodd, who will be a junior at Alameda High School in the fall, was to see a sports orthopedic specialist on Wednesday to determine the extent of the injury.

But Hollands, who is playing for his third team this summer, gave Alameda a pitching performance it was looking for, even though it was only an exhibition game.

"That was pretty good," said Alameda World Team manager Ken Arnerich, who also coaches the Alameda High School baseball team. "I'm happy he didn't pitch that well against us during the regular (high school) season."

Hollands was happy to pitch well for his new teammates, most

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## ALBANY/BERKELEY SOFTBALL RESULTS

### GOLD 10-UNDER

Albany/Berkeley Sting 10-under team finished its summer showcasing tremendous improvement in its batting, fielding and pitching in the four games it played before its elimination in the tournament in Galt.

**Sting Gold 10, Calaveras Sliders 3:** The Sliders ladies trounced the Sting in their first game. Jordan Baker had the action rolling with a single home the first Sting run in the first inning and hit a triple in the third. The Sliders walked in many runs, including Eiana Jacobs-Ponteconvo's home run.

**Sting Shock 4, Sting Gold 3:** The Sting Shock gave the Sting Gold a tough battle. Folsom, Izzy Lubin, and Maria Price-Hansen hit a base hit in the first inning and stole her way to home. Ula Rosenfield to drive home a sacrifice grounder. In the bottom of the third, Jordan Baker had an RBI.

**Sting Gold 3, The Sliders 1:** The Sliders rallied in the second inning with a base hit and then a sacrifice grounder to drive home a sacrifice grounder. In the bottom of the third, Jordan Baker had an RBI.

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DAN ROSENSTRAUCH/STAFF

ALBANY/BERKELEY STING shortstop Meagan Tokunaga throws out a runner against the Concord Glory.

hen got a base hit at the top of the second and Schoenberger's single drove her home. Price-Hansen whacked a double for another RBI. In the bottom of the second, Jacobs-Ponteconvo grabbed a pop fly at second base and lobbed the ball to catcher Moore, who tagged out a runner for a double play. Outfielder Rosenfield caught a high fly. In the bottom of the third, Jacobs-Ponteconvo finished her season by striking out the side.

### STING BLUE 10-UNDER

**Sting Blue 3, Davis Lady Demons 1:** The Sting Blue 10-under team enjoyed a string of victories in its last tournament of the season, which took it all the way to the semifinal round. The first game of the Galt Fastpitch Softball Tournament featured a no-hitter by pitcher by Sadie Oliver-Grey. With the bases loaded in the bottom of the fourth, Oliver-Grey struck out the last batter, not allowing the Lady Demons to score. Meagan Tokunaga's

line drive in the fifth drove in two runs.

**Sting Blue 3, Folsom Aftershocks 2:** The Sting gave up two runs in the first, but the Aftershocks were not felt for the remainder of the game as the Sting's Sasha Kramer pitched another no-hitter for the team. First baseman Imana Samuels recovered a dropped ball to throw to second base in time for the out. In the fourth, hits by Anansa Ridley and Ellie Arkin drove in Maggy Di Costanzo and Oliver-Grey. Allie Presher's grounder past second base provided the game-winning RBI.

**Sting Blue 9, Calaveras Sliders 2:** The wins kept on coming with game three. The first-inning hits included singles by Clara Obstfeld, Allie Presher, Meagan Tokunaga and Ellie Arkin, which drove in four runs. The second inning belonged to pitcher Presher, who struck out two batters then at the plate, hit two singles. Helped along by five walks, the Sting scored five more runs. The Sliders never climbed back up from their seven-run deficit and the win put the Sting in the semifinals.

**Lady Demons 11, Sting Blue 10:** The semifinal game was the most exciting game of the tournament. The Sting was ahead by five runs in the top of the third thanks to Sydney Morrone's triple followed by doubles by Presher, Arkin and Katie Tick. The Lady Demons came back with seven runs in the fourth. Not to be outdone, the Sting hitters buzzed back with two runs driven in by Arkin's double and an RBI by Oliver-Grey to take a 10-9 lead. With Oliver-Grey pitching, catcher Obstfeld tagged out the first runner at home, holding the Sting lead. With two outs, the Demons managed to score, tying the game. Because the time had run out, the international tie-breaker rule went into effect (each half inning begins with a runner on second base). The Demons brought their Lady home in their second half. The tie-breaking run eliminated the Sting Blue from the championship game.

## BRIEFS

### Drew Gooden basketball camp

Drew Gooden, NBA player and former El Cerrito High School All-American, will be holding a camp for boys and girls ages 7-14 Aug. 9-13 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Albany High School. Campers will receive T-shirt, customized ball and picture with Gooden. Proceeds benefit Scholar Athletes, Inc. 510-223-5518, drewgoodencamp@yahoo.com or www.drewgooden.net.

### Mid-County Officials seek officials

Mid-County Officials Network is looking for junior high and high school volleyball officials, and youth and small enrollment high school soccer officials. 510-301-2928.

### El Cerrito adult softball

El Cerrito Recreation League will be offering adult mini-league softball for all skill levels July 26-Aug. 23. Games to be held Monday evenings. 510-559-7005 or cjones@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

### BYA basketball tourneys

Berkeley Youth Alternatives Blue & Gold Invitational basketball tournaments will be held at Emery High School in Emeryville as follows: Late Tourney, Aug. 4 and Aug. 6-8. Divisions are 12-under, 13-under, 15-under and 17-under. \$200 per team with three-game guarantee. 510-845-9066 or sports@byaonline.org.

### Jim Hadnot Foundation basketball clinic

The Jim Hadnot Foundation will be holding a youth basketball clinic for ages 7-11 Aug. 15, Aug. 22 and Aug. 29 in Oakland. \$125. 510-393-2931.

### Cal girl's basketball summer camps

Cal Berkeley will be holding

Caren Horstmeyer's Girls Basketball Camps for players of all skill levels as follows: Elite Position camp, grades 9-12, Aug. 7-9 (commuter and resident options). 800-GO-BEARS or www.calbeards.com.

### Warriors camp

Golden State Warriors will be offering Warriors Basketball Camp this summer for boys and girls ages 8-16 of all skill levels and abilities with 14 sessions at seven locations throughout the Bay Area including Oakland, Pleasanton and San Ramon. Proceeds benefit Warriors Foundation. 510-986-5310 or www.warriors.com.

### California Crossfire seeks softball players

California Crossfire 14-under and 16-under A competitive softball teams are looking for players. 925-933-9642 or bandsm1@comcast.net.

### West Side Stunnerz seek baseball players

West Side Stunnerz 14-under elite traveling baseball squad is looking for players for competitive play in USSSA, Super Series and other tournaments. 30 to 50 games between now and end of summer. 510-685-4386, www.weststunnerz.com/stunnerz or coachrob50@msn.com.

### Football officials needed

The East Bay Football Officials Association is looking for high school football officials for upcoming season. No experience required. 510-521-4121 or 510-235-5249.

### Fly fishing casting clinic

Grizzly Peak Flyfishers, a group dedicated to furthering the sport of fly fishing through education and conservation, will be holding its annual summer casting clinic Aug. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Oakland Casting Ponds in McCrea Park at 4460 Shepherd St. 510-547-8629.



## FISHING REPORT

## PACIFIC OCEAN

Diana Nunez of berkeleymarinasportfishing.com reported that the salmon fishing continued to be outstanding with the entire Berkeley fleet scoring limits during their morning trips. They had the same results for the afternoon and evening trips on Friday and Saturday. The best action has been between the Channel Buoys to Chimney Rock Buoy and everywhere in between. The Mann Coast has been loaded with bait fish in 60-90 feet of water, with the best action around 40 feet. The great fishing and good weather continued through Monday and Tuesday with all salmon boats reporting in with limits up to 37 pounds.

Fishing by Point Reyes over the weekend, Jim Smith aboard the Happy Hooker caught 35 limits of salmon up to 25 pounds on Saturday and 36 salmon up to 37 pounds on Sunday.

## THE BAYS

**SAN FRANCISCO:** James Smith of the California Dawn said the halibut and bass fishing has remained strong. On Saturday they had 14 anglers and caught 25 halibut to 32 pounds, two bass and a leopard shark. On Sunday they caught 15 halibut, nine bass and a leopard shark and Monday 12 anglers caught 12 halibut up to 30 pounds and one striped. They were fishing near Seal Rocks and south of the Point Bonita Lighthouse. Smith and other captains are preparing for rock cod season, which opens Sunday.

Jim Smith fished between the Potato Patch and Seal Rocks on Wednesday and had 20 halibut for 23 anglers as of noon. He said the good halibut fishing should continue for some time as the tides remain right for it.

**SUISUN:** Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait and Tackle reported fair fishing. Once again the wind won out as only two sturgeon and a few stripers were reported this week. Danny Garcia of Richmond caught a 83.5-pound, 67.5-inch sturgeon at the Glomar Explorer on grass shrimp. Pete Del Negro of Clayton caught two stripers from the shore pier totaling 46 inches and 8 pounds on sardine, and Don Shelly of Cordelia caught a 60.1-pound, 61.25-inch sturgeon on a grass/ghost shrimp combo at the second row of ships. Tom Stafford of Martinez caught a 24-inch striped down the railroad by the Ozol dock on anchovies.

Jacob Woodhouse of McAvoy's Bait in Pittsburg also said things have been slow this week because of the wind. Two anglers who went to Big Cut were rewarded with nice sturgeon: David Butler caught a 72-pound, 71-inch on grass shrimp, and Ralph Torres caught a 75-pound, 71-inch. Big Cut and Little Cut are decent places for sturgeon, and Middle Ground might be decent for striped if the wind dies down.

## THE RIVERS

**SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING TO ANDERSON:** Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing said fishing for rainbow trout is still great. Fishing in the late afternoon until sunset is the best bet. Anglers are catch-

ing and releasing rainbows up to six pounds. Working well are pheasant tail No. 16, micro mayfly No. 16 and Fox's Pupae.

**FEATHER RIVER, OROVILLE:** Portocarrero said fishing for king salmon is up and down. Anglers are catching some 12-25 pound chrome king salmon along with the occasional 30-pounder. Anglers are back-trolling Flatfish lures, green and gold, T-50s and are starting to catch a few on roe.

**SACRAMENTO RIVER, RED BLUFF:** Portocarrero said fishing for king salmon is still a bit slow.

## THE DELTA

Phillip Dutra of Gotchal Bait and Tackle in Antioch said striped fishing has picked up at the Antioch Pier as a number of 18-25 inchers are being caught on sardines and anchovies. Catfish, bluegill and black bass are being caught at Holland Tract and Orwood Resort. Crappie and sturgeon fishing remains slow.

For stripers, Aaron Washington caught two totaling 5.5 pounds on anchovies at the Antioch Pier. Julio Quintero and Guillermo Hernandez caught two totaling 16 pounds, including a 13.25-pounder, at Sherman Island on anchovies, and Erma Baker caught an 11-pounder on anchovies at Big Break. Gary, Daniel and Jake Melot along with Travis and Rick Karbowski caught nine stripers totaling 40 pounds at Dutch Slough on sardines. Travis Karbowski caught the largest at 8.5 pounds. John Baker caught a 4.5-pounder on anchovies at Big Break, and the whopper of the week went to Steve Baker, who caught a 24-pounder on anchovies at Big Break.

Gordie Brooks caught a 25-pound salmon on grass shrimp at Broad Slough. George Bradley caught a 3.8-pound black bass on minnows at Brannan Island and Jennifer, Nick and Billy Alexander combined to catch a 7-pound catfish at Isle Harbor on clams.

Audie Urbano of Hap's Bait and Tackle said striped fishing has improved slightly with a few 16-17 inchers in the system. The salmon are starting to move into the area, although it really won't hit for another week or two. Decker Island is probably the best place for stripers right now, Urbano said. Catfish still can be had in the back sloughs.

## THE LAKES

**SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE:** Bait fishing for trout is a challenge right now. Trolling for trout is fair to good, but patience is a must. Troll from the surface to 21 feet. Catfish action is good right now with scattered hot spots. Bass fishing is fair with a lot of shakers in the lake right now. Crappie action is slow but if you must, try Scow Canyon with crappie jigs. Marcel Blackman of Richmond caught a 20-pound catfish at the laggi Landing area using liver, Bryan Week of Livermore caught a 7-pound trout at the launch area using a Kastmaster and D.T. Woodhall of Pacheco caught a 7-pound, 8-ounce trout at the cove using a lure.

## LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY

For trout, anglers must fish down

at the dam with lead core line for any action. Dustin Johnson of Castro Valley caught a 6-pound trout at the Dam trolling a Rapala with lead core line. The bass action, on the other hand, is hot right now. Anglers can throw out a Rapala and get wide open action, or throw out plastics at Alder Point for limits of bass. Around the Island, night-crawlers have been working well. Larry Dias of Pleasanton caught a limit of bass trolling Rapalas. For catfish, fish in the northern part of Honker Bay with nightcrawlers or mackerel for limits. Half Moon Bay has also produced good catfish action.

## LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD

Due to the heat, trout fishing in the morning or late afternoon has produced best results. Shoreline fishing has been good as most anglers like to fish the south cove in the morning and then wander down toward the Oak Point area or near the docks as the day goes on. Anglers are using a variety of PowerBait (rainbow, chartreuse, orange). Some anglers are using a nightcrawler and marshmallow combo, or PowerBait with a nightcrawler. Trollers are using broken back lures, Cripp lures, Wedding Rings and Rapalas, trolling no deeper than 25 feet. Anglers with boats have been having good luck bait fishing in Peninsula Cove, and near the Dam using a variety of baits for trout.

Not many bass have been reported in the last week. Some have been pulled out right behind the marina on the south side using nightcrawlers as anglers use rubber worms, Rat-L-Traps or poppers. Anglers in boats have had some luck in the Rock Wall vicinity near the trees that are submerged, back in Peninsula Cove and near the Dam.

## LAKE DEL VALLE, LIVERMORE

Trout fishing remains slow, but those who have the patience are still bringing in around three fish per rod using rainbow PowerBait. They're drifting near the dam in around 60-80 feet of water. There's a crazy bass bite going on right now with a lot of the large-mouths being caught with a lot of top water action. Try using poppers in the morning, buzz baits midday and frogs in the late afternoon around the tules. Catfish action is also going great as the south end near the marina is producing many limits for anglers using wax worms, chicken liver, anchovies and nightcrawlers. Fish in the 10-pound range have been caught by the Oak Point area also.

## LAFAYETTE RESERVOIR,

**LAFAYETTE:** Bass fishing should pick up soon as 500 pounds of northern black bass will be planted next week. All of the bass planted will be 12 inches and longer, making them legal to catch. Overall, fishing continues to be fairly good as trout are primarily being caught at shallow depths with PowerBait or lures in the south end. The east cove is the hot spot for bass and catfish.

— Curtis Pashelka

## World

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Hollands and Murray were never asked to try out for the World Team. "I think they just see you play during the regular season and judge you on that," he said.

Hollands, with the recent injury to Anthony Wood of Alameda, could be the top pitcher on the World Team. When he's not pitching, he'll be at first base and his 6-foot-3 frame will be a large target for the other Alameda infielders.

Murray, the younger brother of Greg Murray who is a former MVP in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League, took a dif-

ferent route to the World Team. "My coach at El Cerrito (Steve Werren) knew about the team during the season and when I learned that Mario was doing it, I decided to do it," Murray said.

"It pretty fun doing this against guys I've played against because you get to know them. It will be more fun next season when I go back to playing against them. But I like the fact that Mario is on the team; at least I know someone."

Murray is establishing a bit of separate identity from brother Greg. According to Doug, Greg came to one World Tournament practice a couple of years ago and decided it wasn't for him. Doug is participating in this tournament as a way to further his experience. Murray plays the infield and

outfield, mainly center field. He does pitch. He started game of the day against Fresno last Saturday. He pitched a couple of innings. As of last Saturday, the Alameda team had just one win (they've had more by players still were going one another. Sunday's game was a 3-2 win with no signs, open a lot of shutouts, out of the lineup.

It's early days for the team, but Murray said the team, which finished in last year's tournament in Brazil, will do well. "This is going to be a good team," he said. "I think we're a good team."

## Alameda

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of whom he has played against the past two seasons in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League.

"My fastball wasn't as fast today," he said of his effort Saturday. "I didn't think I was at my best. I've thrown better, a lot better. I missed a couple of pitches; I left a couple over the plate. But they (Fresno) didn't hit them too hard."

Alameda wasn't all that better against Fresno starter Steve Morana, getting just four hits, but played Americh's brand of station-to-station ball to get the runs it needed for the victory.

Jeff Perri (Bishop O'Dowd) was safe on an error to lead off the top of the first and was sacrificed to second by Kenny Americh (Alameda High School). Perri went to third on a ground out by Bryan Gerhard (Castro Valley) and scored on a wild pitch.

Hollands gave up a single to Jeremy Leonardo to lead off the second but Americh, playing catcher, picked him off second in

a somewhat strange play. Hollands stumbled as he delivered the pitch, throwing everybody's timing off just a tad. Americh double-pumped the throw, Leonardo was leaning the wrong way and Gerhard sneaked over from short to apply the tag.

"My back cleat got caught right in the middle of the mound," Hollands said. "If I had had held onto (the ball), it would have been a balk so I just threw it."

After that, Hollands pitched four scoreless innings, retiring 15 of the next 16 batters he faced.

Alameda got its second run in the third, again playing station-to-station. Jeff Murphy (Alameda) lined a one-out single to center and to went third when Perri grounded a hit-and-run single through the hole between first and second. Americh hit a high fly to center that scored Murphy.

That was it for Alameda's scoring. Chad Zupfer (Castro Valley) popped a single to center in the fourth and Jordan Pries (Alameda) led off the fifth with a single to center. Nothing came of those efforts.

The only trouble into came in the top of the fifth when Jordan Pries to left, went to second pitch and to third. One out later, Hollands, Leonardo, who also went to put runners at third. But Hollands pitched out from Aaron Lynn game.

The second game much to write home. Alameda got four runs, run, and Fresno got away with a three-run and a five-run fourth.

Alameda got its third when (Alameda) drew a walk but was forced at second. Kopdo (Encinal) on choice. Kondo went to a wild pitch and (Alameda) and (Alameda) both won the bases. Zack Brabrand (Notre Dame) to center to score. Grigg was thrown out on a nice relay from

Brabrand got to Alameda hits; Sherrard had the other two.

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## THEATRE COMPANY

"Be-... Harold Pinter, extended through Aug. 1. Drama about a triangular relationship and marital infidelity in reverse chronological order. \$58. Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Addison St., Berkeley. 510-822-0222 or [www.auroretheatre.com](http://www.auroretheatre.com)

## REPERTORY THEATRE'S

"21 Dog Years" through Aug. 1. A solo show chronicling the experience during the fall of dot-com culture. 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949, (888) 777-8888 or [www.berkeleyrep.org](http://www.berkeleyrep.org)

## SHAKESPEARE THEATRE

"Henry IV" closing Aug. 1. An adaptation of Shakespeare's "Henry IV Parts I and II" by Dakin

Coates. July 31, 2 p.m. Performance benefiting Contra Costa Community College. \$13 to \$45. \$25 general; \$25 to \$52 seniors; \$32 youths ages 4 to 16; \$10 "and cheap" tickets for ages 30 and over for Tuesday through Friday. Tuesday through Thursday, 8 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Shakespeare Festival, Highway 24, Shakespeare Festival, Gateway Exit, Orinda. Free from the Orinda Bart Station. 510-866-0666 or [www.calshakes.org/](http://www.calshakes.org/)

## WORKS THEATRE ENSEMBLE

"The Mysterious Mr. Looney" through Aug. 29. A play about the man who wrote the Shakespeare, set in 1920 in a country manor of a Shakespeare biographer. \$8-\$15. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Ave. Berkeley. 510-558-1381 or [www.aveofberkeley.org](http://www.aveofberkeley.org)

## CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE

"The Lady" by Alan Jay Lerner through Aug. 1. A musical about George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," the story of Professor Higgins and his attempt to change the uneducated, Cockney flower girl Eliza into a well-spoken lady of manners. \$15. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. 510-524-9132.

## OAKLAND BOX THEATRE

"The Oakland Poetry Slam," third Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight. An open-mic poetry and music event followed by a performance by touring poets of national acclaim. Night ends with a poetry slam in which poets compete for a place on the Oakland Slam Team. 510-331-5665, \$5-7. 1928 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-451-1932 or [www.oaklandbox.com](http://www.oaklandbox.com)

## THE SAN FRANCISCO MIME

TROUPE — "Showdown at Crawford Gulch" by Michael Gene Sullivan, Jason Sherbundy and Bruce Barthol, through Sept. 26. Intended to offer a parallel to modern conflicts, the Troupe presents the world premiere of an original fable about lies, greed and double-crossing in a dusty Texas town in 1886.

July 31: Mosswood Park, 3612 Webster St., Oakland.

Free. Unless otherwise noted, live music at 1:30 p.m.; shows begin at 2 p.m. (415) 285-1717 or [www.sfmt.org](http://www.sfmt.org)

## SHOTGUN PLAYERS

"The Caucasian Chalk Circle" by Bertolt Brecht, through Aug. 29. The story of two mothers who claim the same child. A decision must be made between a stranger who risked everything and the mother who abandoned her child and then changed her mind.

Donation. Saturday and Sunday, 4 p.m. John Hinkel Park, Southampton Avenue, Berkeley. 510-841-6500 or [www.shotgunplayers.org](http://www.shotgunplayers.org)

## WOODMINSTER AMPHITHEATRE

"The Will Rogers Follies" by Peter Stone, Cy Coleman, Betty Comden and Adolph Green, Aug. 6 through Aug. 15. Life and homespun wisdom of American humor icon Will Rogers.

\$19 to \$31 general; \$17 to \$29 seniors and children. Thursday through Sunday, 8 p.m. Joaquin Miller Park, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland. 510-531-9597 or [www.woodminster.com](http://www.woodminster.com)

## POPULAR MUSIC

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY — "Port Chicago," July 31, 6 p.m. Original 75-minute jazz/swing

composition by The Marcus Shelby Jazz Orchestra. 415-288-6704. \$15-20. 659 14th St., Oakland. 510-637-0200 or <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org>

## ALBATROSS PUB

Quartet, Aug. 7, \$3.

Whiskey Brothers, first, third and fifth Wednesdays. Free.

Shows begin Wednesdays, 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30 p.m. 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2473 or [www.albatrosspub.com](http://www.albatrosspub.com)

## ASHKENAZ

— Steve Lucky and The Rhumba Bums, July 30, 9:30 p.m. \$13.

Kekele, July 31, 9:30 p.m. \$15.

"Bush-Be-Gone Bash" with The Funky Nixons and The Gary Gates Band, Aug. 1, 8 p.m. \$10.

Courtableau, Aug. 3, 8:30 p.m. \$9.

Anoush, Aug. 4, 8:30 p.m. \$9.

"The Vowel Movement: A BeatBox Showcase," Aug. 6, 8:30 p.m. \$10-12.

Affro-Muzika, Aug. 7, 9:30 p.m. \$13.

Alexandria and The Near Eastern Dance Company, Aug. 8, 7 p.m. \$9.

1317 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley. 510-525-5054 or [www.ashkenaz.com](http://www.ashkenaz.com)

## BECKETT'S IRISH PUB

— Blair Hanson, July 30.

Nicole, July 31.

Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-647-1790 or [www.beckettsirishpub.com](http://www.beckettsirishpub.com)

## BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH

— The People, Oriza, Awesome Cool Dudes, July 30, \$7.

Insolence, Junjst, Jynx, Desa, Displaced, July 31, 8:45 p.m. \$10.

"Monday Night All Star Jam" with The Steve Gannon Band and Mz. Dee, Mondays. \$4.

"Acoustic Wednesday" with Mikie Lee Prasad and guests, 10 p.m. Free.

For ages 18 and older. Music begins at 9:30 p.m. unless noted. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 510-848-0886 or [www.blakesontelegraph.com](http://www.blakesontelegraph.com)

## COFFEE FOR THOUGHT

— Ariel, first Friday of the month. Skidawag, third Friday of the month. Free. Shows begin at 8 p.m. 1544 Webster St., Alameda. 510-769-4930 or [www.coffeeforthought.net](http://www.coffeeforthought.net)

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Mini Fox, Harvie S. and Victor Jones, Aug. 5  
"Danny Caron Blues Night" with Glenn Walters, Aug. 6  
Tom Peron-Bud Spangler Interplay Quartet, Aug. 7  
Dick Conte, Tuesdays through August  
Jules Broussard, Ned Boynton and Bing Nathan, Wednesdays through August  
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**FREIGHT AND SALVAGE** — Ramblin' Jack Elliott, July 30, \$18.50 to \$19.50. John Renbourn, July 31, \$17.50 to \$18.50  
Chris Hillman and Herb Pedersen, Aug. 5, \$18.50 to \$19.50  
Lowen and Navarro, Aug. 6, \$15.50 to \$16.50  
George Kuo, Martin Pahinui and Aaron Mahi, Aug. 7, \$17.50 to \$18.50  
Show at 8 p.m. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761, 866-468-3399 or [www.freightsalvage.org](http://www.freightsalvage.org)

**HISTORIC SWEET'S BALLROOM** — "Friday Night Fish Fry," July 30, 7 p.m. to midnight. Fresh seafood, a full bar, and music by Sonata Pi and The Big Belly Blues Band. For ages 21 and over  
\$20 dinner and show; \$12 show only 1933 Broadway, Oakland. 510-893-3500

**JAZZ SCHOOL** — John Stowell, July 31, 8 p.m. \$12 to \$18  
Jacqui Naylor, Aug. 1, 4:30 p.m. \$20  
Kelly Gray, Aug. 7, 8 p.m. \$15  
Clairee, Aug. 8, 4:30 p.m. \$15 to \$18  
2087 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-845-5373 or [www.jazzschool.com](http://www.jazzschool.com)

**KIMBALLS EAST** — Switch, July 30 and July 31, \$30  
Renny Jordan, Aug. 6, \$28  
Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. 6005 Shilmon St., Emeryville. 510-762-BASS. 510-658-2555  
[www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) or [www.kimbals.com](http://www.kimbals.com)

**LA PEÑA CULTURAL CENTER** — Naked Barbies, July 31, 8 p.m.  
\$10. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568 or [www.lapena.org](http://www.lapena.org)

**924 GILMAN ST.** — Blown to Bits. Death Toll. Against Empire. Holocaust. Death by Excess. July 30  
Alliance, Cast Aside, More to Pride, In Your Face, July 31  
Dekapitator, Ghoul, Mercitron, Rapid Fire, Aug. 7  
All ages welcome. Shows are \$5 and start at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9926 or [www.924gilman.org](http://www.924gilman.org)

**OAKLAND BOX THEATER** — "Tuesday Night Black Box Series of Creative Music," through Aug. 3. Live and experimental music  
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**SHATTUCK DOWN LOW** — Live Salsa Night, Wednesdays, 8 p.m. \$10. For ages 21 and older. 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-548-1159 or [www.shattuckdownlow.com](http://www.shattuckdownlow.com)

**THE STARRY PLOUGH PUB** — Robbie Fulks, Scout of Firecracker, July 30, \$10  
Dr. Abacus, Shelley Doty X-tet, Julie Zielinski, Aug. 6, \$7.

E is for Elephant, Invincible Czars, Enac Enac, Aug. 7.

For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082 or [www.starryploughpub.com](http://www.starryploughpub.com)

**STORK CLUB** — Sputter Doll, Golda Supanowa, Pedro Gil, Los Pepinoyoz, July 30  
Everything Must Go, Feller Quentin, East Bay Chasers, Collateral, July 31. Lust Killers, Aug. 1

\$5. All shows at 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2330 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. 510-444-6174 or [www.storkcluboakland.com](http://www.storkcluboakland.com)

**YOSHI'S** — Django Reinhardt Project with James Carter, through Aug. 1 \$12 to \$22  
Greg Osby Four, Aug. 2 and Aug. 3. \$10 to \$16.

Hiroshi, Aug. 4, \$10 to \$14.  
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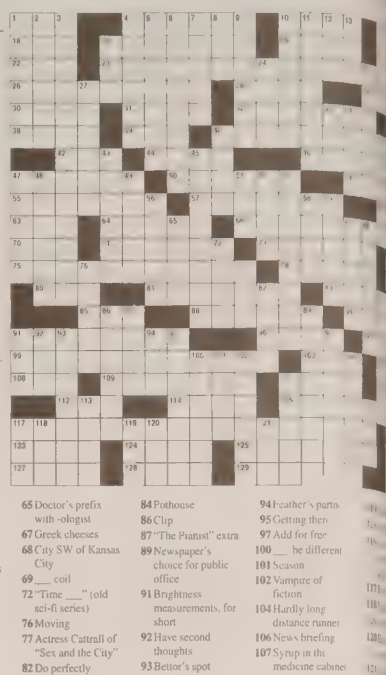
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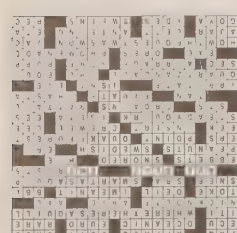
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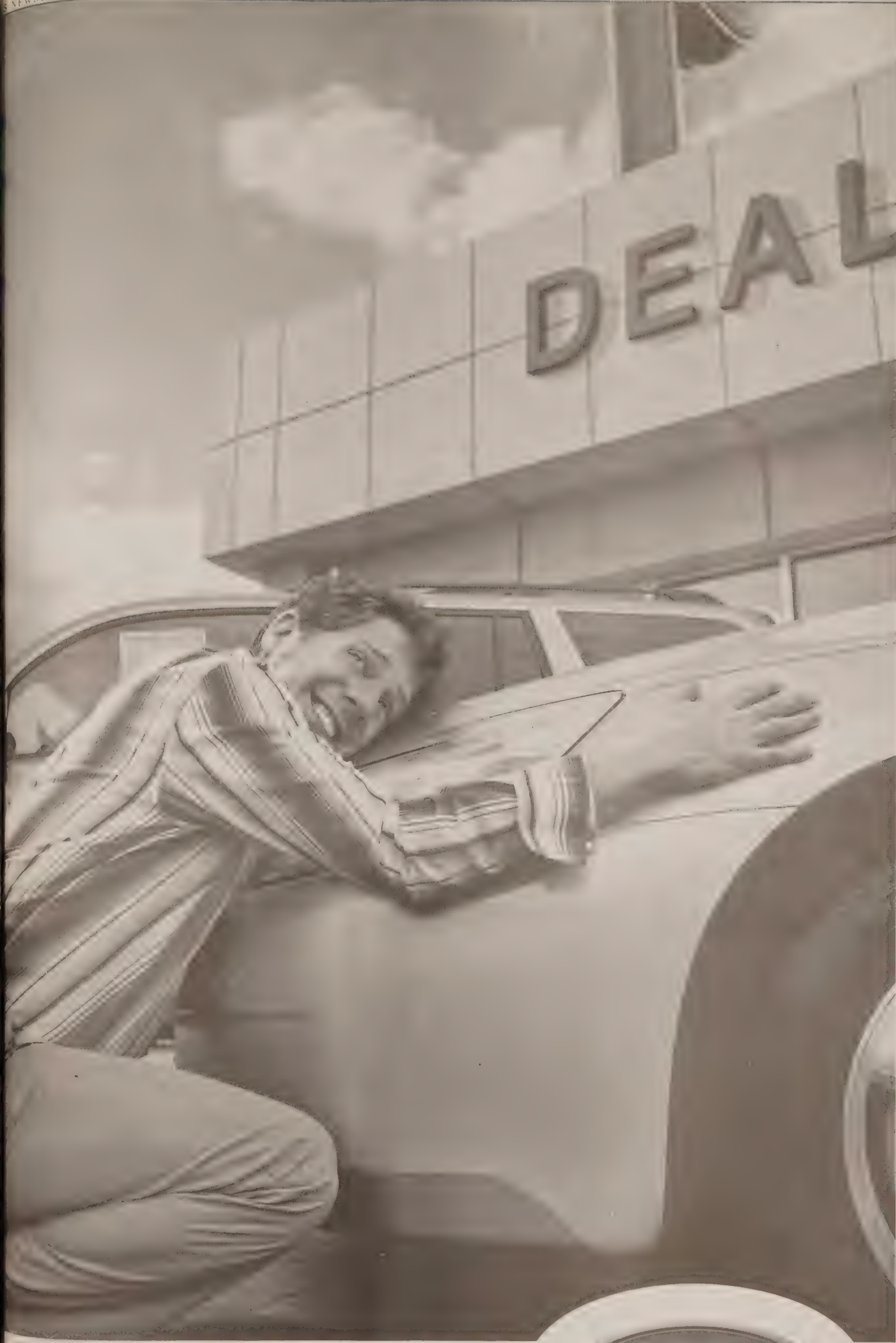
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WASHINGTON proves a great choice for the Frank Sinatra role in the new "Manchurian Candidate."

## Strong acting justifies 'Candidate' remake

by Mary F. Pols  
STAFF WRITER

Classic film needs to be remade and when one is, the more often than not, the more disappointing. No one would know that better than Jonathan Demme, who recently presided over the remake of "Charade," a film that received a spanking and was ignored by critics. Demme again, the Don Quixote at an older windmill. He's still sparkling Cold War director John Frankenheimer, "The Manchurian Candidate," which the powerhouse trio of Sinatra, Laurence and an astoundingly young Lansbury. The new "Manchurian Candidate" is not quite the 1962 version, but it is surprisingly well. It takes space here to do a side-by-side comparison. The film lacks the freshness of its predecessor and it is blessed with Frankenheimer's gorgeously visual style. However, in places where the original's flaws in logic or the time, the new movie paid compensation and makes a few improve-

### REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "The Manchurian Candidate"
- **STARRING:** Denzel Washington, Meryl Streep, Liev Schreiber, Jon Voight
- **RATING:** R (violence, some language)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 6 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
- **GRADE:** B+

Denzel Washington, Meryl Streep and Liev Schreiber.

Washington takes the Sinatra role, U.S. Army Major Bennett Marco, who served in the Gulf War alongside Sergeant Raymond Shaw (Schreiber), the privileged scion of a political family. No one in Marco's unit had any use for Raymond, an awkward cold fish who only joined the military to get back at his pushy mother, Senator Eleanor Prentiss Shaw (Streep). But when the party was ambushed on a dark night in Kuwait, Raymond emerged as a heroic figure and was embraced by his fellow soldiers as their savior. Marco even lobbies successfully for him to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Being a war hero puts a person in good stead for a career in politics, as we all know. Raymond is now a congressman from New York. The country is in turmoil and the major issue is security. His party affiliation is not given (a welcome ambiguity in these partisan times), but our sense is that he's somewhat more liberal than his mama. Raymond's ambitions are smaller than Eleanor's, but when she strong-arms the party into giving him the vice presidential nomination, he doesn't decline.

Meanwhile, back in Washington, Major Marco has been having bad dreams about what happened in Kuwait, dreams that make him question whether Raymond is a hero at all. And the other members of that lost patrol (they couldn't be found for three days) are even more plagued by nightmares. One poor soul (Jeffrey Wright) seems to have lost his mind entirely. Marco's concerns are dismissed by the military brass, who just assume he's suffering from Gulf War syndrome. But Raymond's bid for vice president spurs Marco to head to New York to try to get to the bottom of it.

Co-writers Daniel Pyne and Dean Georgaris have done a clever job updating the story. There are a few occasions when they fall back on the formula of today's thrillers — a heavily accented scientist buddy of Marco's is all too available to provide answers — but it's still an achievement to give the movie such timeliness.

And timing is everything with this movie. It features a dramatic denouement at a national political convention, just as we're wrapping up one real-life political convention and awaiting another. The conspiracy theory behind Raymond's candidacy is enough to make Michael Moore feel validated; in fact, Demme couldn't have asked for a better box-office lead-in than "Fahrenheit 9/11."

But the best reason to see this new "Manchurian Candidate" is the acting. Washington is at his best. His Marco is more tentative, confused and vulnerable than Sinatra's. This script yanks him more thoroughly into the conspiracy, and it's a good choice. It's been suggested that Streep is essentially playing Hillary Clinton. Certainly she dresses in a similar tailored,

Donna Karan-inspired style, and she's as resolutely self-confident and obviously intelligent. But it would be an injustice to Streep's talents to call this a mere imitation of the former first lady. Her Eleanor is unique; a playful, trigger-happy loose cannon of a woman.

But it is Schreiber who gives the most unexpectedly interesting portrayal. He looks uncannily like Harvey, but he's a better, more versatile actor to start out with. Raymond is not a character to like, but Schreiber makes him a tragic figure. When he encounters an old flame and tells her he's never gotten over her, only to be rebuffed, the flicker in his eyes — sad, yet a little dangerous — tells us everything we need to know about Raymond. Streep and Washington are likely shoo-ins for Oscar nominations, but let's hope Schreiber doesn't get overlooked.

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On March 11, the day after Cafferata and Jenkins were married, the city stopped issuing marriage licenses. "That, too, had a big impact," said Burt. "We realized how tenuous it was, how historic it was, and how over it was."

A proposed amendment to the Constitution banning marriages between homosexual couples failed to win even a simple majority in the Senate earlier this month. "They didn't succeed this time, getting this amendment passed, but they're not giving up," said Burt.

graceful if I didn't have it.

**Q: Who do you work with?**  
**A:** Well, I'm a coordinator of a local organization here in Berkeley, and a representative for international companies that do work in the Bay Area. With the local organization, we do all the local Krispy Kremes — that's 17 stores right there. Then I work with 25 other companies, and caterers, who do hundreds of events. Once a business becomes kosher, it stays there, but you still have to monitor it, to make sure it's complying with kosher rules.

**Q: What does being a Jew mean to you?**  
**A:** I was born Jewish, but I was raised as a Reform Jew. Then, in my 20s I became more and more interested in becoming observant, and in Orthodox Judaism.

There's an old joke, when someone asks a Jew what being

She said, "To me it's shocking that they would try and use the Constitution to limit people's civil rights, not to extend them." And Burt is hoping her film can have an impact. She believes that putting a human face on a politicized issue can open up dialogue. She said, "Once you get to know 'the other,' whoever the other is, you see the common humanity, and hopefully it will break down some barriers."

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a Jew means, they start asking you questions. The point is that to be Jewish means to ask questions. It's also basically a social obligation to make the world a better place to be. There's a Jewish saying, "tikun olam," which means helping to fix the world. Any spiritual person is like that.

**Q: Do you feel you're making the world a better place through your work?**  
**A:** That's why I'm doing it.

The San Francisco Jewish Film Festival runs through Aug. 9. "Kosher Cop" will screen Saturday in Berkeley and Aug. 3 in Mountain View. Contact 925-275-9490 or www.sjff.org for locations and times.

Reach staff writer Casey Mills at cmills@cctimes.com or 925-943-8241.



# Arts & Leisure

Friday, July 30, 2004



**BILL MANN**  
Multimedia Notes

## Are Olympians ready for boos?

**T**HE WELL-INFORMED and seasoned traveler who called Gary Radnich's local KNBR Radio show the other morning had a good point. He'd called to discuss something that's not being talked about much in the U.S. media — not yet, anyway.

"I wonder how many Americans," said the caller, "have any idea how often U.S. athletes are going to be booed in Athens at the Olympics."

Probably not many, given this country's dismaying lack of interest in much of anything outside U.S. borders.

But the specter of widespread boos in Athens next month every time "The Star-Spangled Banner" is played is no pipe dream — and it's very much on the minds of the people at NBC, who are wrestling with how to deal with it.

Something else that appeared in local media last week highlighted this same issue: an article in the Santa Rosa Press-Democrat written by a Sonoma County high school teacher who'd just returned from a year in Norway as a Fulbright Scholar.

Dorothy Battenfeld asked in her opinion piece: "Do Americans know how bad their reputation is in the rest of the world? Do people in the United States follow the news? Do the media give them accurate information? Or do Americans know and just not care?"

The Sonoma teacher said she'd expected criticism of President Bush's Iraq policies, but, "Still, I was struck by the depth and breadth of criticism from people of all ages and backgrounds. Teachers in Norway tell me that hostility toward the U.S. government has not been this intense since the Vietnam war."

Radnich told his KNBR caller, "You know, when a lot of NBA players said they weren't going to Athens, I thought they just wanted to sit home on their butts and watch the games on TV. Now I think they may have good reason to stay home."

Last spring, I wrote here about a visit to British Columbia, where I found the Canadian press filled with a level of anti-American sentiment I'd never seen, even having lived up there. It's not a pretty picture facing U.S. Olympic athletes.

It is neither a pro- nor an anti-Bush statement to say that these days, the U.S. is not well-liked around the world. It's a cold fact.

So how is NBC, which will telecast the Olympics in two weeks, going to handle anti-American acts? Pickets and other acts of protest in Athens seem far more likely than acts of terrorism, the U.S. media's focus/fixation thus far.

What will NBC do, to use one example that doesn't seem that far-fetched, when the U.S. team marches into the Olympic Stadium and is booed? Or when an innocent American athlete is spat upon? A nervous publicist at NBC Sports told me brusquely last week, "Of course we've discussed our options. But that's all I'm going to tell you." Click.

NBC is in a sensitive position. If widespread anti-U.S. protests or sentiments surface and NBC shows them, the network will be accused of being either unpatriotic, anti-Bush Administration, or both.

If NBC tries to sweep anti-American acts under the rug — or, as seems far more likely, tries to downplay them — the network will be criticized for being a pawn of unpopular U.S. foreign policy.

One thing's seems certain: It's American athletes who will probably be the chief victims of this country's current — perhaps unprecedented — international unpopularity.

The disturbing scenario of a young American athlete, during the proudest moment in his/her life, standing atop the Olympic victory stand amid loud booing doesn't seem that far-fetched.

Reach Bill Mann at News-mann@sonic.net.



**A DOCUMENTARY** by filmmaker Bonnie Burt, in her Berkeley office, is about a Jewish commitment ceremony that took place at San Francisco's City Hall.

## Film humanizes political issue

■ Former therapist's documentary at S.F. Jewish Film Festival adds context to lesbian wedding

By Suzanne LaFetra  
CORRESPONDENT

On a ranch in Carson City, two women sit side by side on a fence rail and talk about their upcoming commitment ceremony.

In October 2002, Caren Jenkins and Farrell Cafferata were joined by family and friends while they pledged their love to one another.

The rabbi presiding over the ceremony says, "In the way that you have made this ceremony so much your own, this commitment that is uniquely yours. Oddly enough, that is a blessing that has been given to you by the fact that society we live in is not wise enough to civilly recognize what the two of you commit to here. That has left you in a position that is not always a blessing, but which you have turned into one by crafting your own commitment and by sharing it with all who love you."

So begins "My Sister, My Bride," a documentary by Berkeley filmmaker Bonnie Burt. The short film is one of three documentaries in the "Mazel Tov: Les-

### IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** "My Sister My Bride," at the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival  
**WHEN:** 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2  
**WHERE:** Wheeler Auditorium, UC Berkeley campus at Telegraph and Bancroft  
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bian and Gay Weddings" section of the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival. The other two films to be premiered at the festival are "Chicks in White Satin," by Elaine Holliman, and "The Gil & Moti Wedding Project" by Gil Nader and Moti Porat.

Burt didn't set out to make a documentary about same-sex weddings. She was simply filming two friends on their special day. This spring, when San Francisco began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, Jenkins and Cafferata came to the city and joined the 4,000 other couples who were at last being allowed to legally marry.

Burt again showed up to capture their union on film. Standing before City Hall with hundreds of joyous couples, she realized what a historic event was

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— Bonnie Burt

taking place. Said Burt, "Being straight and not having this civil rights issue in my life, it didn't really dawn on me, the impact of the whole thing until I was there."

"My Sister, My Bride" translates the relationship of two people into the political context of the current debate on the issue of same-sex marriage. In the half-hour documentary, we see many of the issues facing gay and lesbian couples. Says Jenkins in the film, "I have a desire to have the same attention paid and the same value placed on my relationships as everyone else on the planet."

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A former therapist, Burt has always been drawn to the stories people share. "I like people's stories," she said. "They're very important and appealing to me." But she wanted to capture more tangibly family histories.

"Therapy is pretty ephemeral," she said, "I think I needed something a little more concrete." She moved into photography, and eventually into documentary films.

Burt has been documenting Jewish life for 20 years. Her films have been shown on television and at many film festivals around the world. "The Believers" explores the lives of Jews in Cuba. "Coming of Age" is the story of older Jewish women's bat mitzvahs. "A Home on the Range"

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## Berkeley rabbi heats up big screen

By Casey Mills  
STAFF WRITER

Grainy black-and-white images flicker on a movie screen. A sweet-looking Orthodox Jewish rabbi appears, waving to the camera, dunking himself in a pool of water called a mikvah, and comfortably wielding a blowtorch.

Wait a second — wielding a blowtorch?

Such is the life of Berkeley rabbi Ben-Tzion Welton, the subject of a short documentary featured at this year's San Francisco Jewish Film Festival. The documentary, titled "Kosher Cop," follows Rabbi Welton around during a typical day in his life as a "kosherizer," someone who turns restaurants and catering companies into kosher institutions.

One step in the process involves heating pots and pans to extremely high temperatures in order to remove all nonkosher taste from them. Rather than transporting all of a restaurant's equipment to another location, Rabbi Welton brings a blowtorch along to help speed up the process.

His work is not without its dangers. Welton once borrowed a fuel tank for a job, and due to a leak, burned off half of his beard. "Thank God beards grow back," he says.

Welton, 53, has been kosherizing in the Bay Area for 13 years, during which he's turned hundreds of institutions kosher, from the Krispy Kreme doughnut shop chain to the smallest of local caterers. He says he loves the job, especially its mixture of the mundane and the spiritual.

**Q: How did the movie come**



**RABBI BEN-TZION WELTON** inside the mikvah, the rainwater pool where pots and dishes are cleansed to make them kosher. Welton is the focus of the short film "Kosher Cop."

to be?

A: Well, it was really Leah's (Welchok, the film's director) creation. She got into this great program at Stanford, a documentary program, and she began to look for a topic. She was interested in the Jewish culture, because she herself is Jewish, though she's not very observant — I'm working on her, though (laughter). Anyway, she fortuitously came across an article on me in J, a Jewish newspaper, and decided to do a movie on it. I think it's a

very cute movie.

**Q: How did you first get started kosherizing?**

A: The first time actually was when I was in Berkeley 27 years ago. They asked me if I wanted to do a kosher job at Ghirardelli chocolates, but I didn't do it because I went to shiva in New York, got married. When I came back in 1986, I was running a Kabbalah house in Berkeley, and I did a large Passover dinner for over 200 people. But I really got started in 1991,

when I did the local Snapple place.

**Q: What do you love about the job?**

A: Everything. It's different every time. It's godly work with mundane work, and it involves science and math and lot of common sense. I like the variety, and seeing how Jews and non-Jews can keep traditional laws and at the same time run very modern businesses.

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Section D

## Don't you buy me a Mercedes-Benz? If Janis Joplin were alive, she'd like this car

BY TOM KEANE  
MOTOR MATTERS

Who wants a sedan that has everything and is willing to pay the price, here's one to consider: It's the Mercedes-Benz S55 AMG.

At a little over \$120,365, it's a pretty pricey machine with power, speed and all the latest innovations. It even has features I've never seen before.

For the power, it has a V8 engine that produces 493 horsepower at the blink of an eye. It does 0-to-60 mph in only 4.3 seconds. For a five-passenger sedan, that's unheard of. It even sounds good, with a sport exhaust system and chrome outlets that purr like a cat. Of course, it does have a lot of power. It's rated at 21 mpg in the city and 21 mpg in the highway. But that shouldn't deter anyone who buys this



MOTOR MATTER

THE S55 gets 14 miles per gallon in city traffic and costs more than \$120 grand. It's also got multiple airbags, a 12-speaker Bose sound system, and a suite of new technological innovations. If your friends all drive Porsches, this baby will help make amends.

### KEANE ON WHEELS

ally eliminates roll in cornering, squat under acceleration and dive during braking. It also has the Electronic Stability Program that will take over and get you back on course should you lose control.

But there is much more to enjoy in the S55 AMG than just the power and handling. This car is equipped with the latest safety innovations, including the partial force airbags that determine the occupants weight and severity of the crash before deploying. It also has curtain airbags for side impact. In other words, if you have to be involved in an accident, this is the car to be driving.

### MERCEDES-BENZ S55 AMG

Vehicle Type	5-passenger, 4-door LWB RWD full-size sedan
Suggested Retail	\$109,450
Price as Tested	\$120,365
Engine Type	V8 AMG 24-valve w/supercharger SFI
Horsepower	493 @ 6,100 rpm
Torque	516 @ 2,750 to 4,000 rpm
Transmission	5-speed elect.w/Touch Shift
Wheelbase	121 inches
Height	57 inches
Curb Weight	4,300 pounds
Fuel Capacity	23 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 14/21

Also impressive are all the interior comforts. For example, sitting on Nappa leather seats that contain active ventilation both front and rear isn't too hard to take. And the seats are heated. The front doors

have miniature chair-like buttons to set the seats into optimum comfort with any of the 14 settings. I'm told it also has an innovative head restraint that can function as a pillow. I didn't get to use it, but on a long

journey, that would be ideal for a sleeping passenger. Those features, along with the adjustable tilt/telescopic steering column, make it easy to enjoy all the comforts and amenities this sedan has to offer.

It also has a SmartKey with user recognition, automatic headlamps with twilight sensors, infrared reflective glass, and power rear-window sunshade. You name it, the S55 AMG has it.

To open the trunk, I simply pushed the key fob. The trunk closes electronically, too. I didn't measure the trunk space, but it's huge.

As for the sound, with a Bose 12-speaker system, there's no need to say more. It also has a DVD navigational system. Should you need help, this car comes with the Tele Aid telematics system that provides all the bells and whistles necessary to bring help immediately using GPS. In a nutshell, if you have the money, I don't know of any car that — dollar for dollar — offers more.

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**AMERICAN CARMAKERS** are backing away from European influences and instead banking on the safety (for older buyers) and bling (for the younger ones) of bolder, more outsized designs.

## Domestic automakers take back their own style

BY MICHELLE KREBS

It's becoming increasingly obvious that cars have nationalities. At a recent panel discussion in Detroit, some of the Motor City's hottest designers pointed out that car design not only has nationality, but today's hot cars are those proudly showing off their nationalities, and "American" design is back.

Look at Cadillac. Long suffering from sales, market share and, worse, image decline. General Motors' flagship division did some soul-searching about what had made it great in the past. In addition to cutting-edge technology, it identified avant-garde design as a key attribute. In 1959 Cadillac was its exaggerated tailfin, as one of its hallmarks. The division then embarked on a new strategy that included introduction of new-tech features, along with bold, edgy design. It exemplified in the now-highly successful Escalade SUV and the new, heavy CTS sedan.

Restyling strategy now spread through nearly its entire line, Cadillac is enjoying an incredible renaissance. After a couple of false starts, Cadillac can finally say it is in turnaround mode. I believe.

During the same panel discussion, Cadillac's design mastermind, Kip Wasenko had gushing praise for DaimlerChrysler's Ralph Gilles for his design of the Chrysler 300. Sales for the bold 300, with its oversized grill, are booming. Launched in March, the 300 allowed Chrysler to keep steady with sales in the first half of this year while General Motors and Ford sales dropped. What's more, the 300 has wide appeal. From traditional

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older sedan buyers to the young hip-hop crowd who want the glitz and "bling" the car offers. "The car is bold, American, and has attitude," noted Cadillac's Wasenko.

The question remains whether the bold American design of Cadillac and Chrysler will play in Paris, London, Frankfurt, Tokyo, and Beijing as both auto companies endeavor to sell overseas.

At last fall's Tokyo auto show, it was obvious that Japanese automakers, long criticized for bland styling or copycatting the Europeans, were finally courageously showing off Japanese culture and heritage in their car design.

Already "Tokyo cars," from tiny Honda Civics to the funky Toyota Scion xB, are popular worldwide. Nissan, whose designs have a touch of French from its Renault connection, took it mainstream with its nostalgic Nissan 350Z, the curvaceous Nissan Murano sport utility, anything-but-boxy Quest minivan and bulbous Infiniti FX35 and FX45 sport utilities. As a result, Nissan also is enjoying a renaissance.

Nissan's Japanese design continued at the Tokyo show with the Fuga, a concept version of Infiniti's upcoming M45 luxury sedan, which the automaker boasted had adopted a "Japanese modern" theme. It featured unvarnished wood the color of a white cypress with glossy black lacquered wood

for the bold white-black contrast often seen in Japanese aesthetics. Its lighting imitated paper shades in Japanese architecture.

Similarly, Honda designer Hiroaki Nakamura was inspired by Japanese minimalism for the Kiwami fuel-cell concept at the show. And even Lexus has been showing a couple of concepts — one for a luxury sedan and another for a future crossover — that shows the Toyota division is moving away from imitating European design and developing its own style.

At the show I spoke with a number of U.S. auto executives who had long thought emulated styling was their best defense against the Japanese, but now were worried the Japanese were "getting it" in terms of design. Indeed, distinctively ethnic design has worked for the Europeans, as demonstrated by the many automakers that have imitated them. Mercedes, BMW and Audi, while all at various stages of re-inventing themselves in terms of design, are clearly German, and also recognizable to their brands and are accepted around the globe.

It strikes me that's the winning formula: Be unabashed in your nationality, be true to your brand, but achieve worldwide acceptance.

As I toured the Beijing show, I wondered what the future will bring in the way of ethnic design from emerging markets. What will distinctively "Chinese" styling be like or unabashed Indian design mean in cars of the future? And, when will we see them?

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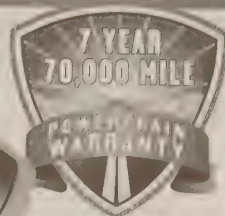
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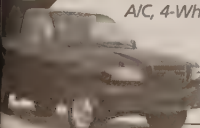
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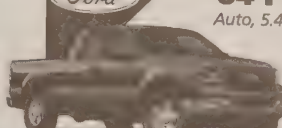
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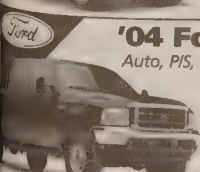
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OWNER JOHN BARSAMIAN bought this '73 Thunderbird at Ed Chovanes Ford in San Leandro and drove it home to Oakland, where he's kept it garaged for the better part of three decades. He taught his kids to drive on it — a nerve-racking experience.

## If powerful 1973 Thunderbird had wings it would fly

BY VERN PARKER  
MOTOR MATTERS

John Barsamian admires people who can take a rusted-out, inoperable derelict of an antique car and restore it to like new condition.

However, Barsamian has another theory about antique cars. Buy a good, solid and desirable new car and take good care of it until it becomes an antique. In November 1973, he followed his own advice when he needed reliable transportation and paid a visit to the Ed Chovanes Ford dealership in San Leandro. The first gas shortage of 1973 was fresh in everyone's mind and tiny four-cylinder imported cars were in demand and selling at a premium price.

Because the 1974 models were already out, Barsamian selected a leftover dark blue 1973 Thunderbird that included as standard equipment Selectaire air conditioning, Cruise-O-Matic transmission, power steering, power brakes, opera windows, power windows, steel-belted radial white sidewall tires, vinyl roof, AM/FM radio, electric clock, tinted glass and an automatic seatback release.

Thunderbirds in 1973 were of-

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fered with a choice of two engines, both, despite their size, burned regular gasoline. The smaller 429-cubic-inch V8 developed 208 horsepower. Barsamian's Thunderbird had the 219-horsepower, 460-cubic-inch V8 engine, which he eagerly fired up on Nov. 26, 1973 and, in comfort and safety, guided the 4,505-pound car on its 120.4-inch wheelbase home to Oakland. The base price of the handsome Thunderbird was \$6,437. From that first November night Barsamian has strived to keep the car under cover or garaged.

He still has the window sticker that was on his Thunderbird when he bought it showing the options and their cost. Extra-cost options amounted to \$1,578.14 and included Sure-Track braking, AM/FM stereo radio, exterior decor group, turnpike convenience group, six-way power driver's seat, rear window defroster, 460 c.i.d. V8 engine, air conditioning, appearance protection group,

leather trim, deluxe wheel covers, power lock group, tilt steering wheel, convenience light group, front cornering lights, power antenna deluxe bumper group, heavy duty suspension, outside remote mirror, interval windshield wipers, deluxe seat/shoulder belts, and California's emissions testing. Surprisingly, there was no charge for the dark blue vinyl top nor for the black leather upholstery.

In 2000, after 27 years, Barsamian had the vinyl top replaced, making a mental note that the vinyl covering would likely need to be replaced in another 27 years.

The interior is covered in rich, lavish fabrics and leather above the dark blue carpeting. "It's quiet and it's comfortable," Barsamian says. In 31 years the Thunderbird has never been outside of California and Nevada. "It's been babied."

Even with all the government-mandated emission controls choking the 460-cubic-inch V8 engine, it still offers respectable performance. "It has terrific pickup," Barsamian says. "If it had wings, it would fly." That was a problem, he recalls, when his two sons learned to drive on the

powerful Thunderbird.

In its more than three decades of daily use, Barsamian has encountered more than two problems. The first occurred soon after he had bought the car. A hit and run driver damaged the left rear fender before speeding off in the night. The second happened recently on the way to Fresno when a tire blew. He holds his Thunderbird blameless in both incidents.

"I certainly have got my money's worth out of it," he comments. There is a drawback to driving the same distinctive car in the same neighborhood for 30 years: "I couldn't rob a bank in this car," Barsamian says. Safety is very important to him which is why, he says, he "never paid attention to the price of gasoline." Barsamian credits regular maintenance for a smooth 126,000 miles. "The key," he says, "is to keep your car under cover."

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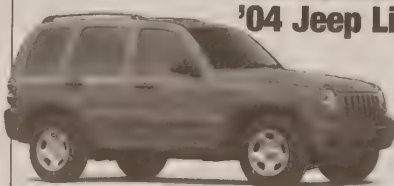
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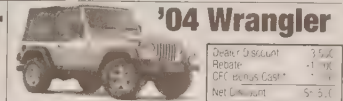
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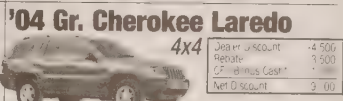
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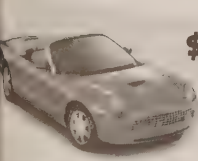
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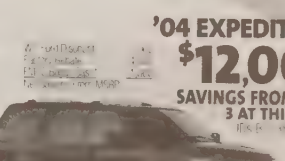


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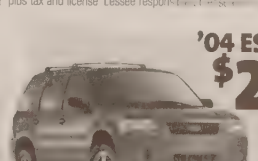
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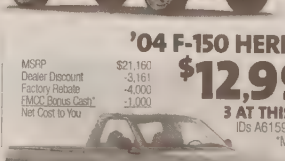
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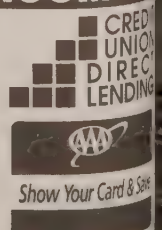
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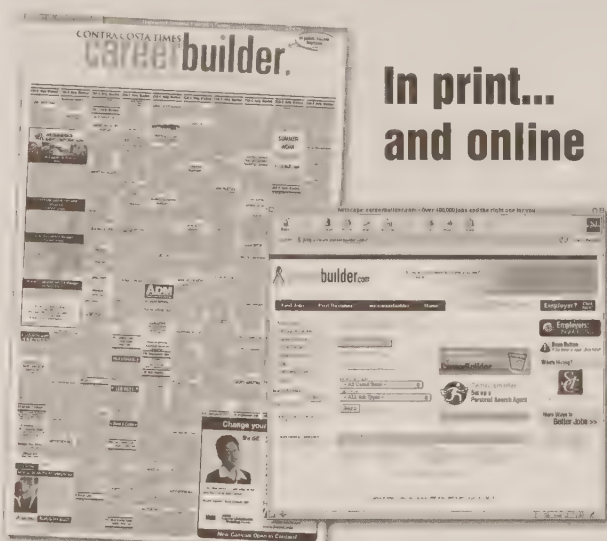


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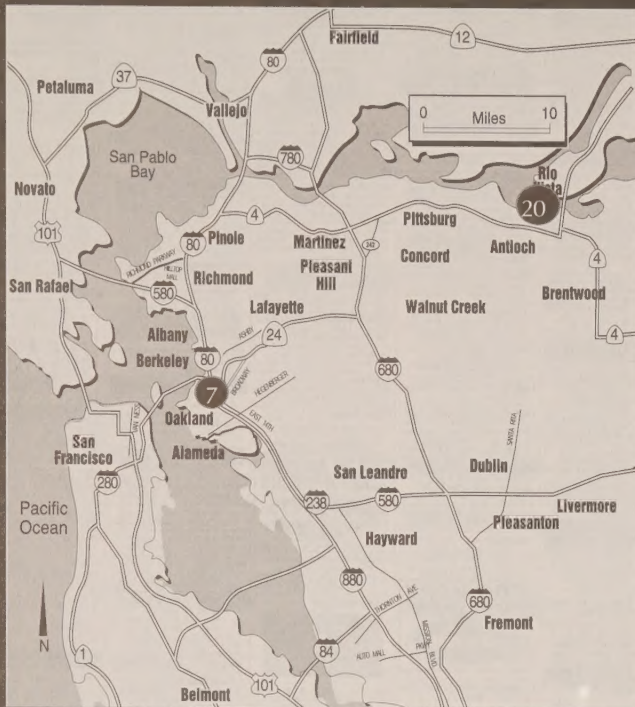




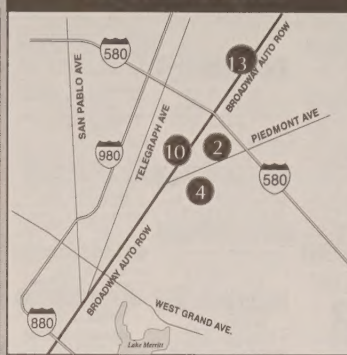


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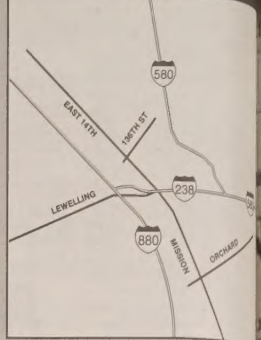
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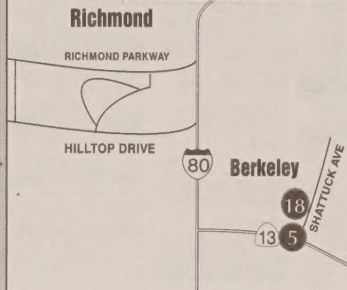
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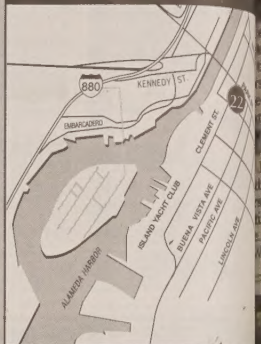
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